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Residents urged to 'Come together for Cowbridge HIgh Street' - see page 3.

American diner shuts its doors as customers say fond farewell

Ken Hughes, the very first customer at Hannah's Diner five years ago, with Hannah Smith.

IT was the end of a mini-era last Sunday just outside Cowbridge when Hannah's Diner on the A48 opened its doors for the last time.

It was an emotional final week for Hannah Smith, as customers made a special point of coming along for one last American breakfast.

In fact, when The GEM dropped in for a chat (on Friday), the staff were so rushed that our reporter had to go back later in the day.

It was five years ago that Hannah Smith and her mum and dad took over the cafe, which was very well-known as a 'bikers' cafe'. Hannah's dad had been a regular visitor on his bike.

However, the Smiths were regular visitors to the USA and loved the food and atmosphere of American diners, and set out to offer that in the Vale.

Hannah told The GEM: "I didn't want to lose my bikers – and I didn't – but I wanted to attract families as well.

"It took me a little while to get the American pancakes just right, but the last five years have been onwards and upwards."

Sadly, the lease on the building – which is showing signs of age – was not renewed and now, after a family holiday, the Smiths will be looking for a suitable site in the Vale.

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10k 'the biggest and best yet'

The Cowbridge Cancer Research UK Committee was thrilled with the turnout for its sixth annual run which it says was the biggest and best yet - see more pictures from Mike Wilcock on page 18.

Poppies needed!

COWBRIDGE Town Council is decorating the town hall in recognition of Remembrance Sunday and the centenary celebration of the end of the First World War.

To do this, they need as many poppies as they can get and are asking members of the community to get involved and provide them with poppies – felt, plastic, wool, they would be grateful for anything.

On Saturday, October 6, between 1.30pm and 3pm, the council are holding a Poppy project day and invite as many members of the community as possible to come to the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, to help attach or make poppies.

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Town Council responds to draft Parking Strategy

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council (CTC) has responsed to the Vale Council's Draft Parking Strategy and has made the following points:

• CTC agrees strongly with the statement made in the conclusion of Vale of Glamorgan Parking Strategy that car park management has a big role to play in the fortunes of town centres and visitor attractions across the Vale.

• CTC agrees strongly that any car parking management should not reduce visitors or detrimentally affect local economy, as mentioned in the Vale Council cabinet meeting of July 2.

• CTC recognises car parking is a serious problem in Cowbridge and good car parking management, through well thought out parking policies and effective enforcement, is required.

• CTC do not agree that the proposed measures in the Vale of Glamorgan Parking Strategy are an appropriate way of addressing the problem of car parking in the Cowbridge.

A tailored approach is required for each individual town and more specifically in relation to Cowbridge, which has a uniqueness of its own, "an historic market town with a traditional high street full of independent shops" - this is clearly recognised in the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011-2026: Written Statement, Page 34.

There is a need to "preserve and enhance the historic built environment given its significant contribution to the character and vitality of the town's commercial core and its role as a tourism and leisure destination."

As car park management has such a big role to play in the future of Cowbridge, CTC propose that the measures suggested for the Cowbridge car parks be put on hold and that a broader, more detailed study be carried out, specifically for the needs of Cowbridge.

• CTC is strongly opposed to the introduction of on street parking charges in Cowbridge since they will have serious negative impacts for the town.

• CTC request that if car charges were to be introduced in Cowbridge and additional income is secured, confirmation is given on how that income would be reinvested, and more specifically, how Cowbridge would benefit from the income.

• CTC have requested that the Vale Council provides a response to this letter and that CTC be be actively involved in any further discussions or strategies on car parking in Cowbridge

Ceri P Anderson,
CTC Town Clerk.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

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'Is cost of prosecuting council tax debt worth it?' asks GEM reader

I READ with interest the article by Matt Discombe in the September 20 GEM.

I am one of the 19,839 people summonsed over the four-year period.

I always paid my council tax when it fell due but challenged that I should repay a discount I was awarded due to an error. The council backdated recovery by 3.5 years, so the amount at stake is around 70 pence per day.

I appealed to the Valuation Tribunal for Wales but even before the appeal was heard the council carried an enforcement action.

There have been 10 court hearings and I eventually won in the High Court in June this year – out of public funds the council paid for a full-on legal team including a barrister to be lined up against me.

Sadly, I did not win the way I hoped because I wanted the overpaid discount written off to give closure to four years of stress and anxiety.

But His Lordship judged the matter should go back to the Valuation Tribunal for it to do its job properly... so I could be facing another 10 court hearings.

Costs to date: to the public purse around £30,000 to pursue a total amount of roughly £850. According to the council it was in the best interests of other taxpayers to enforce recovery.

Oh really? It's all very well for the council to brag it has secured £416,712 during the past four years, but what has the 'actual cost' been to enforce recovery both on the public purse and on the emotional well-being of those taxpayers who are unnecessarily pursued with such overbearing vigour by those in authority?

As to jail – in this day and age no-one should go to jail over a council tax debt, especially when there is good reason why it has not been paid.

Common sense should prevail rather than the council instead employ frankly unpleasant techniques to enforce recovery including initiating legal proceedings against people who the council know too well cannot afford professional representation.

A qualified lawyer charges £200+ per hour – likely a lot more for most of those 19,839 summonsed than the sum total of the debt!

Name and address supplied.

'Why were leisure centre's hydro slides out of action?'

WORK is due to begin soon on the new £1.7m changing rooms at Barry Leisure Centre.

I've been asking the staff there for more than five years why the hydro slide is out of use. Also, the whole place needs upgrading.

I felt the state of the centre was so bad, I visited the leisure centre in Penarth instead. It appeared unhygienic and as if it had been left to rot.

I went to use the hydro slide with my daughter and when I approached the slide, a staff member said they only open it on weekends because of staff shortages.

Can anyone explain to me why in a population area of around 100,000 we are not worth a decent leisure centre and slide for our children?

Wayne Davies, Barry.

Colleen Tumelty, regional director of Legacy Leisure, responded:

"Legacy Leisure, in partnership with the Vale Council, is committed to providing high quality leisure facilities and these are subject to strict hygiene and safety standards.

"Both Barry and Penarth leisure centres are subject to a stringent cleaning and maintenance programme. This includes daily cleaning by a specialist team, interim checks and cleaning by Legacy's operational staff. Pool water quality is also checked at least three times each day in accordance with industry guidelines.

"Renovation work is currently under way at both leisure centres, which, when completed, should significantly improve the customer experience.

"The hydro slide at Barry was decommissioned a number of years ago as, unfortunately, it can no longer meet current safety recommendations.

"However, there are regular fun sessions available at Barry Leisure Centre with large inflatables and the centre continues to offer a variety of other water-based activities, notably the most extensive 'learn to swim' programme in the Vale.

"The flume at Penarth runs according to a schedule which corresponds with peak use of the pool at weekends and holiday periods. User safety is always the top priority."

'Charging traders discourages events'

I READ with interest that the Vale Council is going to start charging the traders in Barry High Street £1,000 to close the street for future events.

These events have been going on in High Street for as long as I can remember; they always prove very popular and draw in big crowds. Surely the Vale Council should be encouraging these events that bring much-needed people into the street, not charging for it?

On top of this, the Vale Council now want to charge people to park in High Street despite Marcus Jones, the new High Streets Government Minister, having suggested that small town centres could become "parking meter-free zones" in an effort to save shops from closure.

Having recently attended a drop-in session to see these proposed parking charges, I was shocked to learn that the cost of installing 29 parking meters in High Street is £290,000 – at a time when they are supposed to be cutting costs!

Also, there are no provisions to be made for shop and business owners to park their own vehicles when they arrive for work. Are they expected to pay £8 per day to park?

Maybe they should install parking meters on Dock View Road to raise funds, as this is where Civic Office workers park their vehicles.

It seems that the Vale Council have no interest in helping the hard-working traders of High Street whatsoever, and will only be happy when shops start closing down.

Mrs G Richards, Barry.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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05 Fri	03.37	8.2	16.12	8.5
06 Sat	04.52	8.7	17.17	9.3
07 Sun	05.48	9.4	18.09	9.9
08 Mon	06.36	10.0	18.57	10.3
09 Tues	07.19	10.5	19.39	10.7
10 Wed	07.59	10.6	20.18	10.5
11 Thur	08.39	10.3	20.57	10.3

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'Come together for high street!' urges Vale MP

COWBRIDGE traders are calling for people to come together to support the High Street's nomination in the Great British High Street Awards.

With the backing of traders, the Chamber of Trade and local MP Alun Cairns, Cowbridge now needs support from the community to win the 'Rising Star Award'.

Thirty-eight finalists have been announced across the UK in the two categories, with 12 up for the Rising Star Award and 26 for the Champion Award. They will now battle it out in a public vote which accounts for 30 per cent of the final scoring, and will then have the chance to impress an expert judging panel as they seek to be crowned Britain's best.

Alun Cairns MP met with Kate Thomas, of Sylvia Williams Chemist, and Alun John, of Arthur John, to offer his support for the campaign and encourage people to vote. The Vale MP has joined with traders and the Chamber of Trade to call on Vale residents to support Cowbridge by via social media.

The winning entries for both the Champion and Rising Star categories will be announced on November 15 at an awards ceremony in London.

Mr Cairns said: "This is a great opportunity to highlight the fantastic offer to visitors in Cowbridge, as the High Street becomes an even more attractive place to set up shop. We have an excellent High Street on our doorstep and the traders deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication to promoting Cowbridge.

"It's so important that we come together as a community to give them our backing and hopefully push them on to win."

Kate, of Sylvia Williams Chemist, added: "We are thrilled that Cowbridge is a finalist. It has been a real team effort getting there and we hope the whole community will support us by voting."

It's easy to take part in the vote, just post on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using both of the hashtags #MYHIGHSTREET and #GBHSCowbridge and this will register your vote. The voting system also allows multiple votes. You can visit www.thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk for more information.

Alun Cairns MP with Kate Thomas of Sylvia Williams Chemist, and Alun John of Arthur John.

Produce Market

ST HILARY Foragers are holding a produce market at St Hilary Village Hall on Sunday, October 7 from 12 noon to 3pm, with most products locally sourced; apple pressing, plants, preserves and refreshments. Profits will be used for St Hilary projects.

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Shenkin pays a visit to the Physic Garden!

ON a beautiful early evening setting in the Physic Garden, Cowbridge the latest of a long line of Royal Welsh mascots named Shenkin added a touch of class to the drinks reception in aid of ABF, The Soldiers' Charity.

Looking superb and just back from mascot training at the Veterinary Corps HQ he happily stood for photographs with guests.

The Band of the Royal Welsh also added significantly to the evening, playing for an hour in the last of the day's sunshine. Guests were very generous and a significant amount was raised for which the charity is enormously grateful.

Wonderful concerts and worthwhile events as the mayor looks back over September...

by Cllr Terry Williams, Mayor of Cowbridge

SEPTEMBER has provided us with some wonderful concerts in the Cowbridge Music Festival.

Congratulations must go to the organisers of this festival which goes from strength to strength and is such a great advert for Cowbridge.

The drop-in session to see the proposals for car parking in the Vale, and particularly in Cowbridge, was well attended. As a town council we have submitted a response to the survey and the covering letter we sent with the reply is printed elsewhere in The GEM (*See page 2*).

There is a clear need for a specific traffic and parking survey for Cowbridge and a strategy that reflects our unique situation.

We were fortunate to attend several interesting and worthwhile events recently including: the Open Day at the Fire Station, the RAF Freedom Parade for the Vale, the Civic Service for the Mayor of Barry, a Sundown Parade at MoD St Athan, and an evening to celebrate the wonderful sporting achievements of pupils in 19 different sports at the Comprehensive School.

Last Sunday, we had the privilege of presenting medals to the participants in the Cowbridge 6K and 10K races. Congratulations to those who took part and to the organisers of this event which has grown year on year. It was great to see people of all ages taking part with over 600 runners.

We now look forward to joining the Scouts for their special Atlantic Adventure 2 event at Atlantic College, presenting certificates at Cowbridge Library to the children who completed the summer reading challenge, and meeting students from the School Council at Cowbridge Comprehensive.

The next Mayor's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, October 6. Join us for a chat a tea or coffee and some delicious seasonal cakes. Donations will be in aid of our named charities; Dementia Friendly Cowbridge and Parkinsons Cymru.

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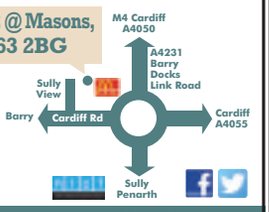

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THERE was a great mix of vintage, classic and just plain distinctive cars in Cowbridge last Sunday (September 30) as enthusiasts made a beeline for the town.

The event has become an annual gathering, and this year a number of cars were parked on the High Street, while others took adavantage of an offer to park in the Arthur John car park.

The organisers (@cowbridgecarsandcoffee) thanked the Bear Hotel for its kind offer of free coffee for any classic car exhibitor.

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Fond farewell to American diner

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Hannah said: "We have looked at Cowbridge but rents there are just too expensive."

On Friday, a special customer had dropped in. Ken Hughes of Llantwit Major was Hannah's very first customer five years ago, and he has been a regular ever since.

Ken said: "I would say that on average I have had three breakfasts a week here over the last five years. I often come on my bike, but today I drove here in the car.

"I'm devastated that Hannah's Diner is closing."

Hannah set out to attract more families and she is delighted she achieved that. The diner is popular with pupils from Cowbridge Comprehensive too.

She said: "I see a lot of the sports team players coming here as they burn up plenty of calories in training, so they can eat pancakes with a clear conscience."

Hannah even has a group of Cowbridge ladies who come along after morning yoga sessions.

Hannah said: "I love my Cowbridge ladies. Mind you, they don't have pancakes. They ask for the slimmer's breakfast!"

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Penllyne village scarecrow hunt

PASSING through Penllyne on Saturday prior to the scarecrow hunt, my daughter and I were surprised how many there were – and how well dressed they were.

I know that children from Llangan Primary School were taking part.

Saron Chapel Treoes

A WARM welcome will be extended to everyone at the opening service at Saron, which will take place on Sunday, October 7 at 3pm.

Rev Allwyn Evans will be officiating, assisted by Bishop David Yeoman.

Reminder

ST Canna's Church, Llangan, holds its annual autumn fayre on Saturday, October 6 from 10am-12.30pm.

Ruthin Chapel

THIS tiny chapel seems to have been forgotten.

The rambling weeds are almost covering the building. I hope something positive will be done before the onset of winter.

Mayor's concert

LLANTWIT Major Town Mayor is holding a charity concert on Friday, October 19 in Llantwit Major School. Performing will be the Bridgend Male Choir, Rock Choir and soloist Angharad Morgan.

The concert will start at 7pm and tickets can be purchased at £10 from the Town Hall in Llantwit Major.

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(LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS LLANFLEIDDAN Rhif 50) (CAU DROS DRO) 2018

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Llwybr Amgen	Yn ystod y cyfnod hwn bydd gwyriad trwy'r A48 a'r rhan o'r llwybr troed sydd dal ar agor ar gael.
Rheswm	Atal perygl i'r cyhoedd o ganlyniad i waith adeiladu.
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(LLANBLETHIAN PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 50) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2018

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Llanblethian Number 50 closed from the point at grid ref 297992,174593 in an easterly direction to grid reference 298274,174752 for a distance of 330 metres.
Alt. Route	During this closure a diversion via the A48 and the remaining open section of footpath will be available.
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U3A delve into religious buildings of Cardiff

COWBRIDGE U3A history group was fortunate to welcome knowledgeable author Jean Rose, who gave an illustrated presentation on 'Cardiff Churches through Time', a fascinating guide to the capital's places of worship.

The small Norman town of Cardiff had two churches: the parish church was St Mary's, near the river, which fell into disrepair and is now only remembered by an outline in bricks on a wall of the Prince of Wales pub, and its chapel of ease, the present St John the Baptist Church near the market.

This is the only medieval building in the centre of Cardiff, other than the castle.

Llandaff was incorporated into Cardiff in 1922, so Llandaff Cathedral, constructed in the 12th century on the site of an earlier church, qualifies as one of the city's places of worship.

The cathedral had fallen into decay by the early 18th century (it was a relatively poor see) but was saved from destruction by restoration work on the eastern side, although the western half remained in ruins.

A full transformation of the cathedral began in the late 1840s, thanks to the 'black gold' (coal) that was bringing wealth to Cardiff. The church now had a tower and a tower with a spire.

In January 1941, the cathedral was severely damaged when a parachute mine was dropped, blowing the roof off the nave, south aisle and chapter house.

The bombs weren't sectarian; the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the centre of Cardiff was also badly damaged by an incendiary and Eglwys Dewi Sant, for Welsh speakers, was completely destroyed during the 1941 blitz.

Major restorations and reconfigurations were subsequently carried out on Llandaff Cathedral and the building was back in use by June 1958.

The church of St Margaret of Antioch in Roath has its origins as a Norman chapel of ease (marriages, burials or baptisms could not be carried out there), but as the parish population rose from 250 to 60,000 over the second half of the 19th century, the building proved totally inadequate.

The present church was constructed with colourful tiles, Penarth alabaster and bricks, but for some reason the elegant tower and spire in the design were not built. The church eventually got a squat tower in the 1920s.

St Margaret's contains the Bute mausoleum, the only site in Wales where some members of the Bute family lie buried in large, slab tombs, reminiscent of Tsarist tombs in St Petersburg.

The first Marquis had married 'rich, ugly' Miss Charlotte Windsor, an heiress to land in Cardiff, the Vale and, eventually, most importantly, the north of Glamorgan, with its vast mineral deposits.

To prove he was good at marrying wealth, if not managing it, his second wife was another heiress, Frances Coutts.

St German's Church in Adamsdown opened in 1884 and, with the only flying buttresses in Cardiff, was described as the 'finest Victorian church in Wales'.

'Tin tabernacles' (made of corrugated iron galvanised with zinc) were cheap buildings that could be constructed by parishioners to use as temporary churches before more permanent structures were installed. St Thomas' in Birchgrove is the only survivor in Cardiff.

Womanby Street, one of the oldest in Cardiff, was the site of Trinity, the first non-conformist chapel, built in 1697.

Bethany Baptist Chapel, with origins from the beginning of the 19th century, became hemmed in by Howell's department store (now House of Fraser), which eventually purchased the church.

The arcade arches, the apse and the west frontage were preserved within the store. A memorial plaque to Rawlins White, a fisherman of Cardiff martyred by burning at the stake in 1555, can also be seen by shoppers.

Several churches have disappeared during Cardiff's developments, demolished to make way for office blocks or shopping centres. Others have closed because of dwindling congregations and now have other uses.

The variety of churches that remains is a reminder of the phenomenal growth of Cardiff in the 19th century, when a small town grew into the largest coal port in the world. Once they dominated the skyline, but now, hidden in the city sprawl, they are often overlooked by residents and tourists alike.

Jean Rose is certainly determined to make them visible again.

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Bomb damage to Llandaff Cathedral.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cowbridge U3A Meeting

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Italian Connection – Part 2' by Romeo Bassini at 2pm on Wednesday, October 10 at Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments, see *www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge*

Tractor run

GLAMORGAN Iron Horse Vintage Society are holding a tractor run starting from Ogmore Castle at 10am on Sunday, October 7 with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

All tractors and 4 x 4 are welcome – £10 per entry; all entries must be road legal.

For more information, contact Richard Rees on 07796 330089.

ADVERTORIAL

Johnsons the Goldsmiths are having a closing down sale!

AFTER 34 years in the jewellery business, Raymond and Yvonne Johnson of Johnsons the Goldsmiths, based in Pontyclun, have decided to retire.

The shop will close on Saturday, November 10 and between now and then, there are huge discounts on all stock.

The shop is open five days a week from Tuesday to Saturday for customers to take advantage of these fantastic offers.

Both Raymond and Yvonne are both looking forward to their retirement and have been amazed at the number of people calling in the shop to give their best wishes for their retirement – and their disappointment at losing them from Pontyclun.

Yvonne said that the sale has certainly brought people into their shop with the idea of buying Christmas presents early, with savings of as much as 70 per cent off.

Raymond said that a lot of people are taking advantage of the platinum and 18ct engagement rings as they are now all half-price, with an example of a £4,000 ring costing only £2,000 – a massive saving for anyone planning on getting engaged. What a Christmas present!

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Caring Ruth in line for top nursing award

Ruth Smithers who holds the clinical lead post at Hafod's Brocastle Manor Care Home.

AN experienced nurse whose kindness and compassion for her care home residents has reduced family members to tears of joy is in the running for a national award.

Former hospital nurse Ruth Smithers, 55, has been praised for her attention to detail and commitment to maintaining the best and most up to date practices since taking the clinical lead post at Hafod's Brocastle Manor Care Home naer Bridgend in 2015.

Clinical manager Fiona Exelby said her passion for providing the highest standards of client care was most evident when an interaction with a female resident reduced her son to tears.

Such dedication to her work has led to Ruth being nominated for the 'Independent Sector Nurse of the Year Award', sponsored by Ontex Healthcare, in the 15th annual 'Wales Care Awards' which takes place at City Hall in Cardiff on October 19.

Ruth, who lives in Tredegar, said: "I was very shocked when I found out I'd been nominated. I'm not very good at blowing my own trumpet.

"For me it's not about an individual, we share everything as a team. It's very much a team effort. I love coming to work here – I'm so lucky to enjoy what I'm doing every day.

"It can have it's tough moments, but I like seeing my clients every day and bringing cheerfulness to the role. When the clients and their families are happy that's what's most important."

Ruth, who started her career as an auxiliary nurse before qualifying in 1988, has worked in numerous hospitals, including Cardiff's University Hospital of Wales and Nevill Hall in Abergavenny.

She has been able to transfer some of the practices used in the hospitals to help improve the quality of care in Brocastle Manor.

Ruth said: "I initially came in as an agency nurse to audit the care plan and never left."

In nominating Ruth, Hafod's clinical manager, Fiona Exelby, said: "Ruth is passionate about client care and one relative who witnessed her interaction with his mother was reduced to tears by her kindness and compassion."

Saron Chapel opening service

ON Sunday, October 7 at 3pm, Rev Alwyn Evans and the trustees and management committee of Saron Chapel, Treoes, invite everyone to the opening service.

The Rev Alwyn Evans will be officiating, assisted in part by Bishop David Yeoman. Come and celebrate this new and exciting era for the chapel now that it has been fully renovated and restored.

For more information about the history of Saron Chapel, its recent renovation and the fascinating history of Treoes being collected by villagers, visit *www.friendsofsarontreoes.wales*.

Cowbridge Scouts are off to the Jamboree!

YOU'LL be hearing a lot of Jonny Denver in Cowbridge over the next few months – 'Country Roads' has become a bit of a Scout theme song.

Every four years, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) runs a World Scout Jamboree – a massive camp open to Scouts from each of the 169 member countries.

After filling in a written application and then being asked to attend a selection camp, two Cowbridge Scouts were over the moon to be selected to represent Wales and the UK at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA.

James and Ellie, both 14, will be spending almost two weeks camping in the Appalachian mountains, taking part in a range of Scouting activities and will also spend time getting to know Scouts from all over the world (around 40,000 of them!)

With this many participants from so many backgrounds and cultures, the World Scout Jamboree is more than just a Scout camp, it is an educational event that brings together the world's Scouts to promote peace and mutual understanding and to develop leadership and life skills.

Ellie and James.

One of the challenges that our two Cowbridge Scouts face over the next few months is fundraising. To ensure that Scouts from all over the world get the same opportunity to attend, the cost of attendance is weighted. Better-off countries pay a significant premium for their trip to subsidise Scouts from developing countries.

James and Ellie have already put in many hours fundraising, packing bags at various supermarkets, marshalling at sporting events and even selling hand-made Welsh cakes at the Cowbridge Scouts' jumble sale last weekend.

To help boost their fundraising there will be a Race Night at Cowbridge Scout Hall on Saturday, October 13. Entry is £10 per person, to include a curry. There will also be a bar. You can contact the organisers to 'buy' a horse or jockey in advance to get a chance to win extra prizes.

Scout leader Piers Hallihan said: "It's great to be able to support these two Cowbridge Scouts on what is turning out to be a fantastic journey.

"I understand there were only 135 places available to Scouts in Wales, so to have two Cowbridge Scouts make it through the selection process is a real feather in the cap. We're really proud of James' and Ellie's achievement and all the work they've put in to get where they are"

To find out more about the Race Night, book tickets and pre-buy horses etc contact Annie on 07813884969; to find out more about Scouting in Cowbridge, visit cowbridgescouts.org.uk.

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'You can expect a considerable sentence' - Life sentences 'may be appropriate' for couple

A HUSBAND and wife from Barry are facing life in jail for raping a string of young girls.

Avril Griffiths, 61, groomed the victims for her husband Peter Griffiths, 65, to rape.

The couple are reportedly well known in Barry, where they carried out multiple rapes together.

One victim said: "Everyone hated them... people would avoid them."

Another victim said: "I think if you ask most families in Barry, they'd hate them."

She said she had felt "broken" ever since she had been raped by Griffiths.

The couple were found guilty of rape, indecent assault and taking indecent photographs of children after a two-week trial.

Prosecutor Caroline Rees QC said the pair "repeatedly sexually abused three young girls" between the 1970s and 1990s.

The couple exploited three victims "in order to satisfy each of their sexual needs".

Cardiff Crown Court heard the couple gave one of the victims vodka before forcing her to pose for indecent photos with them while they were naked.

Peter Griffiths then raped the girl and said she could not get pregnant "because he had a vasectomy".

She added: "The male defendant would have sex with her in the back of a van while others looked on."

The court heard the victim was passed around to other men.

Ms Rees said: "She was used in effect as a sex toy for the gratification of others."

The victim was also taken on a boat where she was raped by Peter Griffiths.

Avril Griffiths also sexually assaulted the victim on the boat.

The victim later told police she had been "ripped apart physically" after suffering injuries.

Peter Griffiths raped another victim in bed while she was "held down" by Avril Griffiths.

In a psychological assessment revealed to the court, Avril Griffiths was found to have an "extremely low IQ" and was labelled "intellectually disabled".

The report said 99 per cent of people "were more able than her generally".

Avril Griffiths was found guilty of five counts of rape, three counts of taking an indecent photograph of a child and two counts of indecent assault.

Peter Griffiths was found guilty of eight counts of rape, three counts of taking an indecent photograph of a child and three counts of indecent assault.

They were remanded in custody and sentence was adjourned until October 18 for reports.

Judge Jeremy Jenkins QC told the couple: "Each of you can expect a considerable sentence. Life imprisonment may be appropriate."

Speaking after the sentence, Wendy Brady of the CPS said the couple treated their victims "as objects".

She said: "Peter and Avril Griffiths worked together befriending the girls before going on to sexually abuse them.

"They showed no regard for the welfare of (the victims) they were abusing, treating them as objects to fulfil their sexual desires.

"The victims have shown great courage in telling the Court what happened to them.

"We hope they can start to move forward knowing that Peter and Avril Griffiths have been brought to justice."

Call for people to nominate their #EverydaySaint

Brave Karin Williams is encouraging people to send their nomations for the award.

A PREVIOUS St David Award winner from the Vale is encouraging others to nominate stand-out individuals for the St David Awards 2019.

Karin Williams from Rhoose previously won the bravery category in 2014, after she jumped in the way of an out of control car to protect a group of children and their parents.

Launched by the Welsh Government in 2014, the St David Awards are the national awards for Wales.

There are nine categories, which include:

Bravery – demonstrating remarkable courageous behaviour or character; **Citizenship** – recognising those whose work improves the local community through unselfish actions; **Culture** – those who excel in the arts in any art form, language or medium; **Enterprise** – achieving remarkable success in business; **Innovation, science and technology** – developing techniques that meet new requirements and provide effective products, services and ideas to society at large; **International** – for those who work tirelessly to improve a community or communities outside of Wales; **Sport** – for an individual, team or group in Wales who have achieved excellence in the field of sport on a national or international level; **Young person** – exceptional and inspiring young persons or groups of up to 19 years old.

The final category is the **First Minister of Wales' special award,** chosen by the First Minister himself.

Nominations are now open and people can enter via an online form on the St David Awards website.

Nominations close at midnight on October 16, with the award ceremony taking place on March 21, 2019.

Anyone can be nominated for the award whether they live inside or outside the country, providing they have a meaningful link to Wales.

To encourage entries, the Welsh Government has launched an #EverydaySaint campaign to highlight that anyone can be put forward for an award provided they have made a significant contribution to Wales.

Previous award winner Karin, who has been a lollipop lady for Rhws Primary school for 14 years, was on duty when she selflessly threw herself in front of an out of control car that was heading towards children and parents waiting to cross the road outside the school.

Karin said: "It was a normal day on duty, I had helped people crossing the road earlier for breakfast and was doing the main crossing period when the incident happened at 8.50am.

"It wasn't until the next day when a police officer visited me in hospital to say thank you and commend my bravery that he realised I had no memory of what happened. It was then that he told me I threw myself in the way of the car to protect the children and parents at the crossing.

"I don't think it will ever sink in what I did – I was in hospital for nine weeks because of the severity of my injuries, which included two broken ribs, a broken bone in the back and a slight bleed on the brain as well as many other injuries.

"The St David Awards impacted my life for the better. They helped me meet so many amazing and inspirational people – some of whom I still keep in touch with now.

"Because of the recognition I've received from the St David Awards, I've experienced a number of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. I went to the Queen's Garden Party, met Princess Alexandra and went to the Summit, where I met Barack Obama and Prince Charles.

"For anyone thinking of nominating someone, it is completely worth it – just do it, as you won't regret it."

Carwyn Jones, First Minister of Wales, said: "These awards are about highlighting and celebrating the amazing people in this country that go the extra mile to make a difference to their community. Hopefully, our #EverydaySaint campaign will encourage people to enter those whose efforts need recognising."

For more information and how to nominate visit: https://beta.gov.wales/st-david-awards

Honorary Fellowship for Vale AM

Jane Hutt AM Honorary Fellow, Dawn Latham (Lecturer in Education at Colcot Centre (CAVC) and Ann Marie Edwards (Education Graduate 2018).

THE inaugural Honorary Fellowship awarded by Cardiff and Vale College has been presented to Jane Hutt AM.

Presented by the Chair of the College, Geraint Evans, the Vale AM received the award at the Higher Education Ceremony on September 29 in recognition of her continued support of the College over the years, and in particular the support of the College's presence and provision in the Vale.

Ms Hutt said: "It was an honour and privilege to receive this award as part of the HE Ceremony alongside the exceptional students who were graduating that day; the culmination of their skills, hard work and commitment to further and higher education.

"I have been fortunate as Vale AM, and in my former ministerial roles, to be able to support all aspects of the work of Cardiff and Vale College which makes such an important contribution in my constituency – boosting learning and skills and supporting the local economy and community."

Roadworks report

TEMPORARY traffic control – A48 St Nicholas until November 2; Eglwys Brewis Road, Boverton; Boverton Road B4265 junction; Llantwit Major Road, Cowbridge; Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys; Waycock Road, Barry.

Road closure – Bird Cage Walk, Barry; East Street, Barry between Princes Street and High Street on October 2, 8am - 7.30pm; Penarth Road, Penarth from Baron's Court lights to Porsche Garage until October 3 from 6am-6am; Church Road, Cowbridge until October 21 from 8am-5pm; Eglwys Brewis Road, Llantwit Major until October 5 from 9am-4.30pm; Daily lane closure from 7am, Station Street, Barry and Kingsland Crescent;

Roadworks – Speed limit on A4226 Five Mile Lane from Backlands Farm to junction south of Moulton; Cowbridge, closure of footpath 50; A48 Culverhouse Cross, mobile works from October 1 to Waterton for cleaning of gullies; Llantwit Major Road, Cowbridge, stop/go intermittent traffic control until October 8.

Plaid critical of Vale Council's cash reserves

FIGURES have shown the Vale Council collected £1.5m more in council tax than anticipated last year.

Next year, people in the Vale could face council tax rises of 2.5 per cent as the council has to make further savings. The council made a profit of £6.7m last year which went into its usable reserves, a report says.

That means in April the authority had a total of £78.7m of earmarked reserves – which could be used to provide services.

At a meeting of the full council on September 26, Cllr Ian Johnson thanked council staff for putting together the council's statement of accounts. But he said: "Unnecessary council tax reserves or service cuts affect the very people we're supposed to be helping."

Speaking after the meeting, the Plaid Cymru leader in the Vale added: "Vale residents are so used to hearing about austerity and the need to make cuts that it comes as a great surprise to hear that the council made a £6.7m profit last year.

"Both Conservatives and Labour have increased council tax by more than inflation every year since I joined the council and Plaid have voted against every time.

"Plaid Cymru believe that the council's priority should be people, not money. That means focusing on providing the best services, not on making unnecessary cuts or charges, like the current car parking charging plans."

Councils in England such as Northamptonshire and Somerset face huge cuts to services after plunging into the red. The council is looking at how it can balance the books ahead of £17m savings needed over the next three years, having already shed £50m from its accounts since 2010.

Councillors have not yet decided on how much council tax would rise by in 2019-20 – but a financial model the council is considering would raise council tax by 2.5 per cent.

Cllr John Thomas, leader of the council, said the £1.5m amount of excess council tax collected was "not a great deal".

"I would much rather be in that side of it than the other," he said. "We would end up with a bigger hole in our budget than we currently have. We have not got plenty of money. We have made savings of £50m over the past nine years and we have to make £17m more over the next couple of years.

"It doesn't take much of a percentage swing to end up on the wrong side of things. Our usable reserves are not excessive, and hopefully over the next few years we will be able to maintain our position so we are able to face anything which comes our way."

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Bridgend and the Vale among Wales' most vibrant spots

BRIDGEND and the Vale are in Wales' top five most vibrant economies on Grant Thornton's Vibrant Economy Index, which measures the vibrancy of the 22 Welsh local authority areas.

The findings, based on six broad social and economic objectives, paint a picture of the economic landscape across Wales highlighting a range of factors including prosperity, health and community.

Wales' most vibrant places depicted within the report demonstrate a good balance between economic growth, social equality, sustainability and healthy, happy people.

Vibrancy is measured using key indicators for each of the six objectives and each place is awarded an overall 'vibrancy' score, with 100 being the national average. The Vale, Wales' second most vibrant local authority (LA), scored 104.67 behind Monmouthshire, which scored 104.93.

The Vale has been ranked as the highest local authority in the resilience and sustainability area with a score of 110.84, along with second-place positions in both the inclusion and equality and community, trust and belonging sections.

The index found that Bridgend similarly scored above the national average with a score of 102.11. Bridgend fared well in the resilience and sustainability section with the third highest Welsh score of 104.98.

The biggest improvement has also been seen by Bridgend; having previously sat at 11th place, the county has now climbed seven index positions to fourth.

The Welsh budget – taxes will be set for 'the common good'

THIS week the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM, will present his Budget for 2019/20.

This year he will be outlining his new responsibilities and policies for Income Tax in Wales.

At the Assembly Finance Committee last week, we received a briefing from the Welsh Treasury and HMRC about the new Welsh Rates of Income Tax that will come into force on April 6, 2019.

From that date, with our new tax varying powers, some of the income tax paid by people living in Wales will directly fund services in Wales.

Welsh rates of income tax (10p in the pound) covering all tax bands will be set by the Welsh Government – and voted on by all Assembly Members – and paid directly to the Welsh Government.

HMRC will collect Welsh rates of income tax and all income tax paid by people living in Wales will be collected in one payment as usual.

The new powers enable the Welsh Government to vary Welsh income tax rates.

We were reminded at Finance Committee that a 1p increase or decrease in Welsh rates of income tax can add or take away £210m from the Welsh Budget and from funding for services in Wales.

I am glad we now have these new powers. The proposals made in the draft budget package will be scrutinised by Assembly Members for final approval in the New Year.

A report, 'Prosperity and Justice', from the IPPR Commission on Economic Justice, recently made a number of recommendations about tax and the need to spread wealth and ownership across our economy.

The Commission recognises that 'the overall level of taxes will have to rise to pay for the improved health and social care the public needs' and calls for a 'serious debate about the appropriate level of both public spending and taxation which can achieve the economy and society we deserve.'

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT

After nearly eight-and-a-half years of austerity and deep cuts to our public services, these are the views that I share in my belief that taxes should be set for 'the common good'.

I believe we can use our new powers to help make Wales a fairer place as part of a wider package of public investment in health, social care, housing and transport.

Despite austerity, the Welsh Government has been able to move forward with a new Wales and Border rail franchise which commences on October 14 with £5bn investment in our rail infrastructure and services in Wales.

I met Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, last week to press for the half-hourly rail service between Barry and Bridgend to be brought forward from the scheduled 2023 date.

I drew attention to the outcome of the former consultation on 'Access to Cardiff International Airport' in 2006 which recommended the increase from the current hourly to a half-hourly service.

I believe the increase to half-hourly service is the most important step we need to take in rail service investment in the Vale.

It will benefit commuters east to west and vice versa, airport passengers, businesses, students, families and visitors to the Heritage Coast.

That was my message to the Cabinet Secretary as part of the case I made against the proposed M4/A48 road.

I was pleased the Cabinet Secretary agreed to look at the membership of the Vale of Glamorgan WelTAG Review Group to include social, economic, environmental and cultural interests and expertise.

The new rail franchise brings exciting prospects to Wales. An additional 600 staff will be recruited to deliver the service in a range of roles and 450 new apprenticeships (30 every year) will also be created over the life of the contract.

£194 million will be invested to modernise all 247 stations and build four new stations.

I look forward to the new accessible passenger bridge for Barry Town station which I have been campaigning for.

Finally, free travel for under-5s will be extended to under-11s and half-price fares extended to 16-18 years olds with under-16s travelling free off-peak.

So, good news for Wales and I will make sure it is good news for the Vale as well.

Tackling isolation with TeleV

DO you live alone and want peace of mind 24 hours day? The TeleV Project aims to improve quality of life by helping isolated vulnerable people manage the risks of living alone with a simple device.

An adviser from the project will be at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, October 9 from 10am to 12 noon.

Bro Radio launches Community Awards to celebrate 10 years of broadcasting

BRO Radio, the local community radio station for the Vale, has announced its plans to celebrate 10 years on air in March 2019.

During Gareth Knight's Breakfast show on Monday, October 1, he announced that the station would launch the station's first Community Awards, an event which aimed to celebrate the best of the local community.

Bro Radio's Community Awards ceremony has been sponsored by Wessex Garages Nissan, Hadfield Road Cardiff, a business that has been instrumental in helping the organization to grow its presence at events across the Vale.

General manager Gareth Howells said: "This is a fantastic idea and shows how far the station has come on over the last few years."

"Our involvement has grown along with the station and we are really proud to support this event and continue to support Bro Radio and the good work that it undertakes in the Vale."

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "I'd like to congratulate Bro Radio on reaching its 10-year anniversary.

"We have worked closely with Bro from the start, the station provides a wonderful service for people in the Vale and I know there are some exciting projects in the pipeline for the future.

"We intend to continue that close relationship going forward and are delighted to sponsor the Triumph over Adversity section of the new Community Awards."

When nominations open, members of the public will be able to nominate outstanding individuals in the third sector, sport and business in the Vale.

Award categories include: Teacher of the Year, sponsored by West Quay Estates and lettings; Young Person of the year, sponsored by Fun Harbour Barry Island; Volunteer of the year, sponsored by Glamorgan Voluntary Services; Charity of the Year, sponsored by McDonalds Barry; Community Event of the year, sponsored by Barry Round Table; Sports star of the year, sponsored by Cariad Café Bar; Sporting achievement of the year, sponsored by Sully Sports and Social Club; Bro's Good Egg Award, sponsored by HRA Accounting; Making a difference through Business, sponsored by The Glamorgan GEM, and Triumph Over Adversity award, sponsored by Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Nominations for Bro Radio's Community Awards open on Monday, October 8 at 9am and closes on Saturday, December 8 at 11.59pm.

You can find out more information and how to nominate via broradio.fm/communityawards.

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Pupils' charity coffee morning

ON September 28, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg year-6 pupils held a special class assembly to coincide with the national Macmillan coffee morning, a charity that is close to the school's heart.

Year-6 pupils emphasised how important it is to help, not only by donating money but also by being kind to one another. They concluded by singing the Welsh song 'Harbwr Diogel' (Safe Haven) which is how they see their school – a safe and caring place to be.

Afterwards the children sold coffee and delicious cakes they had baked in the senior school kitchens or brought from home, raising £100 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mothers' Union coffee morning

PENARTH and Barry Mothers' Union are holding their annual coffee morning on Saturday, October 13 at Stanwell Road Baptist Church Hall, Penarth from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be a variety of stalls and a raffle; all are welcome. Proceeds will go to the Mothers' Union.

Get heard and funded with GVS

EVER wondered how you can have more of a say in decisions made at the National Assembly for Wales?

What funding is available from the Big Lottery Fund and what do they look for in successful applications?

Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) has arranged two interesting and informative presentations when speakers from the Big Lottery Fund and National Assembly for Wales will be attending the next Vale Voluntary Action and Community Development Network (VVACDN) meeting in Barry on Tuesday, October 16 at 10am.

A representative from the National Assembly for Wales Outreach Team will present 'How to get your voice heard at the Assembly'.

A representative for the Big Lottery Fund will provide information about their current funding programmes and tips on what makes a good application.

Attendance at the VVACDN is open to voluntary and community groups serving the Vale.

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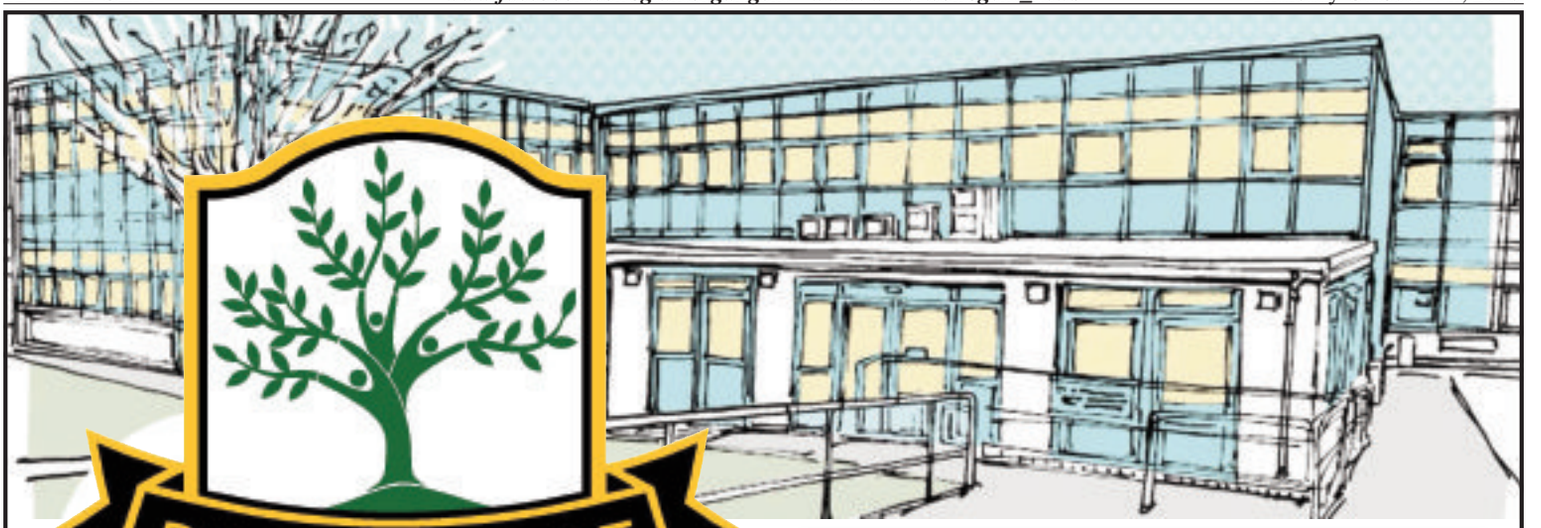

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Council introduces new system for disabled grants

DISABLED people looking for help to adapt their home face a new charging system in the Vale.

The fees are charged by the council but recovered from the grants available to the disabled recipients.

The Vale Council has agreed new fees for applications made for 'Disabled Facilities Grants' which will take effect on January 1, 2019.

Disabled Facilities Grants provide up people in Wales with up to £36,000 to make vital changes to their homes to help them stay independent, such as installing ramps, improving access to rooms and facilities or providing a heating system.

The current fees for applying for the means-tested grants is complex and depends partly on whether agents – who help put the application together and manage the works – are employed internally by the council or externally by the applicants themselves.

But the Vale council's cabinet today (October 1) agreed to simplify the system and charge £375 for each application made from January.

The council will also charge an additional 15 per cent of the cost of works plus VAT to fund the management of the works, up to a maximum of £4,500.

The changes, say the council, mean half of applicants will see fees reduce under the new system and half will see them increase.

Half of applications would increase by an average of £217, with some being as much as £2,100 more.

But the cabinet were told today these fees would be covered by grants.

Cllr John Bird, the council's cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "No applicant will be hit in the pocket as far as I'm aware.

"It should be a more streamlined process."

Disabled Facilities Grants are funded mostly by central Government money given to local authorities every year.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "Proposals to alter the fees associated with the Disabled Facilities Grant have been suggested in an effort to simplify the process, making it easier for the applicant to understand and the council to administer.

"A comparison of fees charged indicates there will be an even split between the number of applications impacted positively and those impacted negatively under the plans.

"But there will be no detrimental effect on the applicant as fees will be paid out of the capital grant given to them so they will not be out of pocket."

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WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Meet your local officer at Rhoose Community Centre (police office) on Friday, October 5 between 7pm and 8pm.

A police surgery will be held at Llantwit Major Library on Thursday, October 11 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Penarth Royal British Legion to hold AGM

THE AGM of the Penarth Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held in the Conservative Club on Stanwell Road, Penarth (CF64 2EZ) on Tuesday, October 23 at 9pm.

Contrary to popular belief, the Royal British Legion is not an ex-serviceman's organisation. Membership is open to everyone and a large proportion of our members have never served.

We are essentially a charity responsible for remembrance of the fallen and care for both serving and ex-serving members of our Armed Forces who need help.

It may be help to claim compensation for injuries, help to train for employment and in obtaining a job or setting up a small business.

It could be to give help with health problems both physical and emotional, a welfare break in one of our very well-appointed rest centres, or care home facilities for those who are no longer able to cope at home and many other services in support of the ex-service community and their dependents.

All members of Penarth branch and anyone who feels that they may like to get involved in our fundraising and welfare work will be given a good welcome if they would like to join us for this meeting.

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on wills, Power of Attorney and Living Wills on Tuesday, October 9 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12 noon.

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Group's coffee morning and head shave a hit!

Those attending raised £380 for Macmillan.

NEW Horizons Day Service, for people who have physical disabilities, held a coffee morning recently in support of Macmillan.

The charity had beautiful cakes donated by clients and staff from Woodland Day Centre and Trysor O Le Day Centre.

Linda Ruston, the acting day opportunities manager, said: "It was a successful morning and everyone really enjoyed it.

"We had raised £380 through cakes and refreshment sales, along with a raffle and 'guess the size of a sausage roll'."

Maureen Stokes decided to have her head shaved for the cause and raised more than £200. Mo's donations are still coming in and anyone wishing to donate can do so by going to Go Fund Me – 'Brave the Shave Boverton'.

Vale Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, who attended the event as part of his Macmillian coffee morning marathon, said: "This was a fantastic, well-attended event and I take my hat off to Mo, who is clearly much braver then I am."

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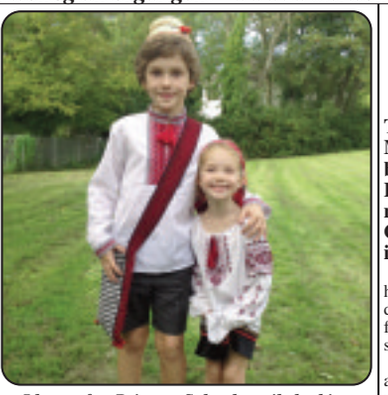

Llancarfan Primary School pupils looking resplendent in traditional Romanian costume.

European Languages Day enjoyed by pupils

ON September 26, children at Llancarfan Primary School celebrated National European Languages Day, which promotes and raises language and cultural awareness.

The children had the opportunity to try their hand at European languages and also a variety of languages from all over the world, including Arabic, Romanian, Estonian and Spanish.

Pupils had their own destination tickets and passport and 'flew' from one classroom to another to experience the delights and wonders of other cultures and languages.

Some of the children embraced the occasion and gave everyone a treat by arriving at school dressed in their national costume.

Staff would like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to join in the exciting day which gave the children a real insight into the gift of languages.

The history of the Barry Men's Forum

THE idea for forming Barry Men's Forum was the brainchild of the late Reverend Gwynfryn Pugh, the minister of Windsor Road Congregational Church, Barry in October 1967.

The venue chosen was the church hall and the object was to provide discussion on any subject of interest for the retired men of Barry and the surrounding community.

However this decision was amended to exclude religion and politics, as both subjects could lead to arguments and passions becoming inflamed.

The first meeting led by the Reverend Pugh attracted only six members, but news got around and numbers began to swell quickly. Subsequently a committee was formed to run the organisation and Mr William Carpenter was chosen as chairman.

It was agreed that the meetings would be on a Thursday morning, 9.45am, with tea or coffee with biscuits, followed at 10.30am with a talk from an invited guest speaker, often using slides or pre-recorded video tapes to illustrate their topic, and the meeting would end at 12pm; this formula is still in operation to this day.

Out of the current membership of around 55, we average around 40-plus on a weekly basis and attract a diverse body of men such as school teachers, accountants, mechanics, police officers, clerks to name but a few of the members' pre-retirement jobs.

A similar styled organisation founded in the mid-1950s using a church hall in Phyllis Street, Barry Island and led by a Tom Jarman and Harry Scott met on a Monday evening, but folded in the early 1960s. The hall in Phyllis Street is now a church dedicated to St Baruc.

In 2013 Windsor Road Congregational Church closed its doors and so a new venue had to be arranged. This problem was quickly resolved as Holy Trinity Church in St Paul's Avenue, Barry had a new dual-purpose church/hall so we took up residence almost immediately in Aberystwyth Crescent.

Over the past 50 years it is estimated that we have had over 1,400 speakers addressing us on a very diverse selection of topics, such as The Royal Mint, How to Train as a London Cab Driver (The Knowledge), Bee Keeping, World Wars, Aircraft, World Travel, Railways Old and New to name but a few.

A Christmas lunch is held each year for members and their wives or partners and each April a trip is organised to a place of interest chosen by members, such as the railway museum at Swindon, Penderyn Whisky Distillery, Helicopter Museum at Locking near Weston-Super-Mare and the Industrial Museum at Swansea to name but a few locations visited already.

The forum is an excellent and fulfilling way to spend a Thursday morning. Over to the past 50 years we have been ably led by Willie Carpenter, Len Gerry, Robert Baynham, Cliff Prew, Peter Westcott; our current leader being Mac Tanner who can be contacted on 01446 743455 to answer questions from any newly interested members.

The winter sessions restart on Thursday, October 4 at Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry. New members are always made welcome so come along and give it a try.

Paul DG Gilbertson

School row moves on to a new stage

PEOPLE hoping to save Llancarfan Primary School from Vale Council plans to 'move' it to a new £4 million building in nearby Rhoose put their case forward in a meeting on Monday night (October 1).

They told the council's Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee that the authority had pursued the plans with "single-minded determination" without properly consulting the community, that the rural ethos of the school would be lost and it would "rip the heart" out of the village.

But the council said the current Llancarfan Primary building is not fit for purpose, and moving it to a new 210-place building in Rhoose is needed to cater for hundreds of new homes being built in the area.

The committee voted to urge the council's cabinet to pause the plans when it meets next on October 15, and to work with the community to come up with alternatives which could see Llancarfan Primary staying open.

Campaigner and parent Jim Barratt told the meeting: "The whole process from planning through to consultation has been too narrowly focused on one favoured option from the very start. The council has pursued this option with single-minded determination.

"Why didn't the council involve key stakeholders in the strategic planning behind this proposal?"

Stephen Parry, a parent of previous Llancarfan pupils, asked: "Where is the evidence, where is the research that this is going to benefit the children of the future?

"It's not just about data or cost effectiveness. It's about educating children. That was not in the consultation report – I couldn't find the words 'children' or 'learning'.

"I fear the children may be used as pawns in perhaps an economic argument, not an educational one."

Dr Rebecca Farquharson told the committee retaining Llancarfan Primary represents a "fantastic opportunity" for the council – as it is the only primary designated as 'rural' in the area and eligible for ring-fenced Welsh Government funding.

She said: "The council are treading a very fine line in undermining the government's vision on rural schools. It's highly likely that the business case for funding will be challenged by the Welsh Government and may be lost altogether.

"Rhoose doesn't want a divided community with only some pupils benefiting from a new school building. Llancarfan doesn't want the heart of the community torn out. This uncertainty is already damaging the school's future and must stop now."

The consultation was first started in March this year but was re-launched in May as campaigners said there was not enough information provided.

During the summer an IT glitch meant people's submissions were cut off after 9,999 characters – but respondents affected by this were informed.

Trevor Baker, the Vale Council's head of strategy, community learning and resources, outlined the reasons for the proposal – and why extending the current Llancarfan and Rhoose primaries are not the council's favoured option.

He told the meeting that there's a predicted shortfall of 93 primary places in Rhoose by 2023 if the council does nothing.

Llancarfan has the fifth highest revenue cost per pupil for primary schools in the Vale, he said.

Mr Baker said: "We know there is no nursery provision at Llancarfan Primary. We know there are site constraints with planned investment opportunities (at the two current primary schools) going forward. We know the (Llancarfan) school has capacity to improve.

"There's no proposal put forward to consult that's going to make everybody happy. No consultation process is perfect. The best thing we can do when issues arise is deal with them."

Mr Baker said later in the meeting a nursery could be provided in Llancarfan village.

Morwen Hudson, the Vale Council's lead officer for school improvement, told the meeting there would be huge benefits for the school moving to the new building.

She said: "I don't know of any other profession where people are expected to go to work in a 140-year-old building which is not fit for purpose.

"Why should teachers at Llancarfan school be expected to do so when they have a chance to go to a state of the art new facility?

"The opportunity for pupils to attend a nursery within their primary school would bring huge benefits."

Estyn's report said the school buildings "provide a stimulating and varied learning environment".

Paula Ham, the Vale Council's director of learning and skills, said Llancarfan Primary faces budget difficulties next year and will receive £96,000 less in funding.

"The lower the number of pupils the higher the unit costs are going to be," she said.

Campaigners say pupil numbers – which affects the amount of funding the school gets – dropped after the consultation launched.

Ms Ham said the council hopes the proposal would improve education standards, but there was no guarantees.

She said: "Estyn concluded the proposals will at least maintain standards of provision in the area. We're not here to say it's going to be a better standard of education, we're not required to do that.

"We think it would lead to improved outcomes and the school will be supported to achieve excellence. But we can't guarantee that excellence would be achieved."

Cllr Matthew Lloyd, a member of the committee, said he was not happy with the way the consultation was conducted.

He said: "It feels like we have tried to keep the community at arms length, and I don't think that's right. I apologise if that's how they feel the process has been conducted.

"I think we are rushing into making a decision which is premature. Premature decisions often come back to bite you in the bum."

The meeting heard that the second half of the 787 homes set to be built in Rhoose are yet to be started and don't yet have planning permission.

Cllr Lloyd said: "It's too far away for us to be making that decision."

A spokesman for the Action Committee to Save Llancarfan School welcomed the decision, and acknowledged that the meeting had been a long one, at over four hours, which had allowed time for discussion.

He added that the action committee hopes that the Cabinet will respect and follow the recommendation, and also that any decision it makes going forward is informed by the presumption against closure of rural schools—including Llancarfan—which comes into effect as part of the Welsh Government's new School Code on November 1.

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Arts and crafts in Llantwit

LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft Group will meet on Friday, October 5 at 7.30pm at Llantonian Hall.

We will be making lanterns from felt for Hallowe'en with Rhoda Luzio. Visitors and new members are most welcome to come along and join us. A fee of £3 is payable for the workshop.

Explore the wonderful world of fungi!

GLAMORGAN Fungus Group are celebrating National Fungus Day on Saturday, October 6 at Parc Slip Nature Reserve, Tondu, CF32 0EH starting at 11am.

If you are interested in fungi (mushrooms and toadstools), come along to the free event – all are welcome. There will also be walks around the reserve looking for fungi starting 11.30am and 1.30pm.

Please note we do not encourage foraging and will not answer questions on edibility.

For further information email glamorganfungi@gmail.com or see the facebook page facebook.com/groups/GlamorganFungusGroup/

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, October 6 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Vintage Tractor Run

ON Sunday, October 7 the annual Ogmore Castle Vintage Tractor Run in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will gather in the castle field by kind permission of Robert Williams and family.

Tractors will head off at 10.30am for a mystery tour of the Vale of Glamorgan, with a comfort break around mid-day at Llampha Farm by kind permission of Richard Anthony and family.

The event is now being run by members of the Vale of Glamorgan Iron Horse Society and the money raised will, as usual, be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

Over the past 10 years this event has raised £4,000 for the charity. It is expected to draw 30 or 40 tractors, all produced prior to the 1970s.

Members of the public are encouraged to join the gathering for this good cause and watch the tractors head off on their run on Sunday.

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Toy & Train sale heads for Cardiff!

THE regular collectors' bonanza reaches Cardiff again shortly when Wales' largest Toy & Train Sale arrives at Penarth Leisure Centre at Cogan, between 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday, October 6.

This will be the fourth such Cardiff event this year but four further dates in 2019 are booked at this venue, with the first one taking place on Saturday, January 5, 2019.

Organizer Chris Dyer told: "Our venue at Cogan is ideal for a toy and train sale being large, easily accessed from all areas and most importantly, has Cogan Railway Station virtually next door and many of our customers make the most of the very frequent and reasonable train services.

"We now offer in excess of 120 tables at the Cardiff show, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK with the stock on offer, old and new, being quite unbeatable in quality and quantity as well as being great value-for-money and with prices to suit all pockets.

"The Cardiff show is now firmly established on the national scene and traders travel from all over the UK. The show is always fully booked with traders weeks prior to the actual event and indeed, this one is no exception".

Traders present on the day will be buying as well as selling and exchanging, and will also happily offer free valuations on a wide range of toy and train related items and without any obligation.

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Hart and Haddish shine as Night School passes the crucial laugh test!

KEVIN HART and Tiffany Haddish are two of the hottest comedy actors of the moment, the former known for the likes of *Ride Along, Get Hard* and *Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle*, while the latter was a standout turn in *Girls Trip*.

Pairing them together seems a no-brainer, and we see the fruits of that team-up in *Night School*. Hart plays Teddy who, after being fired from his job after blowing it up, goes to night school in order to pass his GED exam, which will help his career.

In a class full of characters (amongst them Mary Lynn Rajskub, Romany Malco and Rob Riggle), Teddy hopes to win over the teacher, no-nonsense Carrie (Haddish), which starts a battle of wills between teacher and class...

It's fair to say that Kevin Hart's cinematic CV is littered with films that have played to his comedic strengths without truly testing him as a performer. *Night School* is no different, playing on Hart's sensibilities yet also keen to press home those 'life lessons' that films like these are duty-bound to espouse.

Thanks to the efforts of Hart, Tiffany Haddish and a supporting cast that are all game, *Night School* works as a slight, yet entertaining comedy that will prove a short-term fix without running the risk of lingering long afterwards.

Led by Hart and Haddish, two incredibly hot comedic performers, the jokes play out with an air of predictability and familiarity, yet given the charm of the performances, eschew that feeling of being too well-worn.

There is nothing overtly original or

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groundbreaking about this film, but within a familiar set-up there is a degree of pleasure to be had from it.

Hart plays to type, a man compensating for something (in this case his failure to have passed his GED exam in high school) while trying to do the right thing, here by his fiancée and is enjoyable enough to watch, while Tiffany Haddish as the teacher tasked with helping Teddy pass his exam gives as good as she gets from the shortcut-taking Teddy.

What doesn't quite work is their chemistry together; this should be a battle of wills, Teddy and his desire to take the shortcut to success versus Carrie's urge to educate, but when the pair do clash it comes with puff of smoke rather than fireworks, while their improv-heavy back-and-forth fails to land.

There's much to enjoy in the supporting cast; while none of the characters who are in Teddy's class are written with any great depth (and their own individual problems are passed over or resolved with overt simplicity) the actors within the role do a decent job.

Rob Riggle is always dependable as lunk-headed characters and this doesn't change here, Mary Lynn Rajskub (best known as the no-nonsense Chloe from 24) gets a chance to air her comedic muscles and has fun with it, while Romany Malco, Al Madrigal and Taran Killam all have moments to shine, with Killam playing Teddy's old school enemy-turned school principal who is determined to catch Teddy out.

Director Malcolm D Lee has a solid body of work behind him with the likes of *Undercover Brother*, *The Best Man* and last year's *Girls Trip*, and here he's a dependable and secure pair of hands to helm the film. He's well-versed enough in comedic beats to know where the laughs are and while there are no set-pieces that stand out, he does a decent job.

At 111 minutes, the film does feel too long; a good 15 to 20 minutes could have been cut out to give the film a bit more pace, while the story does a clunky job of shoehorning in those aforementioned life lessons. There is also an exceptionally awkward moment towards the end where Teddy and Carrie's (lack of) chemistry is alluded to with a pay-off that is incredibly ham-fisted.

However, if you don't delve too deeply into the flaws of the film, you'll find a fair amount to enjoy about *Night School*; it's neither deep nor meaningful, but it's fun enough to get you through a few hours at the cinema.

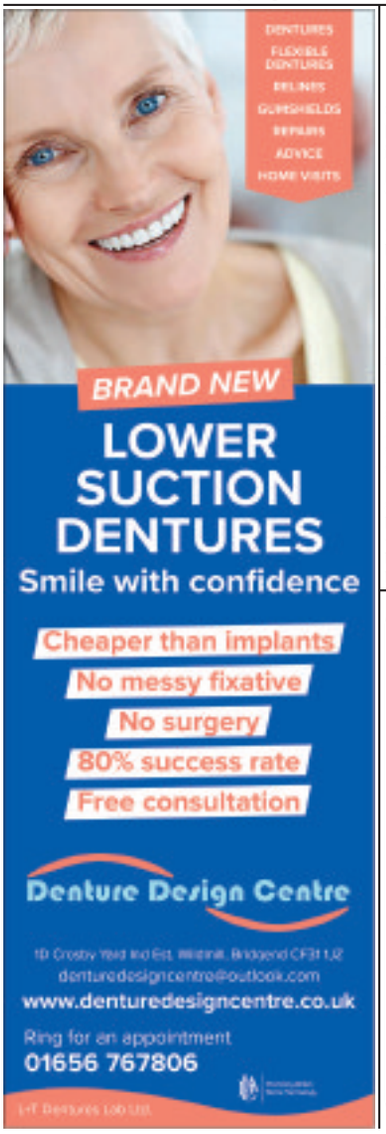
VERDICT: A comedy that raises enough laughs to pass the entertainment test, *Night School* is carried by very entertaining performances. It has a few duff moments, and doesn't reinvent the wheel, but Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish et al make for pleasing company. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Get Hard* (2015), *Girls Trip* (2017).

Harvest celebration

JOIN the community and students of Atlantic College in the Bradenstoke Hall, Atlantic College, St Donats for a Harvest celebration on October 7 at 4pm – all welcome.

Admission free, refreshments available. Gifts for the Llantwit Food Bank would be appreciated.



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The Vale of Glamorgan Band and their Training Band are holding an open evening for all aspiring or returning players on Monday, October 15, from 6.30pm to 9.15pm at the bandroom at Barry Athletic Club (old squash courts). Timings are as follows:

6.30pm – 7pm, meet and greet the training band (beginners or those wanting to improve before joining the senior band); have a look at our instruments and music, join a short rehearsal. Bring your own instrument if you wish.

7pm - 7.15pm, meet the senior band.

7.15pm - 8.15pm, senior band rehearsal starts (join in and play with us).

8.15pm – 8:25pm short break; coffee, chat with bandsmen and conductor.

9pm – 9.15pm wrap up and any questions.

If you are interested then contact the band via *www.valeofglamorganbrassband.co.uk* with details of instrument if wanting to play, or if you just wish to come along.

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Thelma Roberts

THELMA Roberts passed away peacefully after a short illness at the Heath Hospital on Sunday, September 23.

Thelma was a loving grandmother to Sarah, Anne-Marie, Rebecca and Jodie; mother to Helen, Denise and Robert, dear partner to Mike, and soon to be a great-grandmother.

The funeral service will be held at Barry Crematorium on Friday, October 5 at 12pm for family and close friends, followed by a wake at the Park Hotel, Barry.

Cancer Research is the real winner as hundreds turn out for Cowbridge run

THE Cowbridge Cancer Research UK Committee was thrilled with the turnout for its sixth annual run which it says was the biggest and best yet.

Organiser Anne Birt told The GEM: "The day started with 88 Cowbridge mini-rugby boys running 1k on the pitch and they looked immaculate in their HRT shirts!

"The 6k run went off at 10am followed by the 10k at 10.30am. The route was the same as last year's and newcomers were hugely enthusiastic about the cross-terrain course which encompasses two farms and some glorious countryside.

"The morning finished with another 1k where we saw some highly competitive children thrash it out. The winner was Brook Grieg. Well done, Brook!

"I'd like to thank local police officers, without whom, we could not safely run the event."

The results for the 6k were:

Male: 1st Rhys Hardman in 24.39; 2nd Ben Macey in 26.24; 3rd Ethan Hamer in 27.25.

Female: 1st Rebecca George in 28.39; 2nd Bethan Hardman in 29.32; 3rd Hannah Tudor in 35.12.

10k results:

Male: 1st Alun Wood 42.07; 2nd Robert Newman 43.20; 3rd Richard Anthony 43.53.

Female: 1st Sally Wilder 44.20; 2nd Dawn Howles 46.03; 3rd Eleri Wood 50.71.

The committee thanked everyone who took part and made it a successful and happy occasion and also thanked the all-important sponsors: Llwynhelig Farm Estate, Town and Country Collective, Siteserv Llandow, Brinsons and Birt, Legacy Leisure, Payton Jewell Caines and RA Hitchings Electrical.

The committee also said a special 'thank you' to local artist Roger Morgan, who gives all the profits from the sale of his artwork to Cancer Research UK Cowbridge Committee.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "Yet again, Cowbridge 10k was a fantastic run and I really enjoyed taking part alongside the many local running groups who entered, including Major Milers and Seriously Mad Runners.

"What's so special about this run is that it's a proper community event run by an excellent group of dedicated volunteers. I'd like to thank and pay tribute to them for their hard work organising. It was a huge success!"

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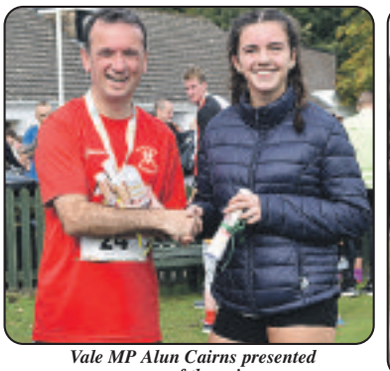
ABOVE: Miss Teen Vale of Glamorgan, Jaz Cuggy, joined the Mayor and Mayoress to present medals to the runners.



Vale MP Alun Cairns presented some of the prizes.

The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Cllr Terry Williams, with some of the junior runners.

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The work of the armed services at wartime... 'It couldn't have been done without the Merchant Navy'

AT sea, on land, and in the air, the men and women of the area covered by The GEM have not shirked their duties when the calls to arms to defend the United Kingdom and the cause of freedom have been made.

In the run-up to Armistice Day 2018 – more memorable this year because it marks the centenary of the first Armistice Day – we have commissioned local people to write about different aspects and experiences of war.

Some are published authors and write with authority on their chosen subjects, while others are not, but will relate some very personal experiences.

Indeed, while everyone who has served, and has seen conflict, has a story to tell, many do not, will not, cannot speak about it.

Even attending a Remembrance Day parade can be too much for personnel some of whom may once have been classed as 'lacking moral fibre', or, more generously, as shell-shocked, and now as dealing with PTSD, especially with many media conferring upon all the title 'hero'.

Hero is a big word to live up to when the overwhelming majority of HM Armed Forces simply do their job to the utmost of their abilities. And remember, not all wounds are visible, nor do they always heal.

The series begins with the Merchant Navy, and the men who served under – and the ships that flew – the Red Duster.

Images courtesy of The National Archive.

The Cenotaph on London's Whitehall is the memorial designated the United Kingdom's official national war memorial. Its origin was a temporary wooden structure erected for a peace parade following the end of the First World War, and after an outpouring of national sentiment it was replaced in 1920 by a permanent structure.

In the years following 1919, the Cenotaph has displayed the Red Ensign (or Red Duster, as it is affectionately known) of the British Mercantile Marine on one side and a Union Flag, together with the Ensigns of the Armed Forces. The flags displayed as of 2007 represent the Royal Military forces authorised by a sovereign state and the Merchant Navy.

The Red Ensign representing the fallen of the Merchant Navy and the fishing fleet has been there every day as were the men of the "Forgotten Service".

Despite its wartime contributions, it was not until 2000 that the Merchant Navy was allowed to join the official march past the Cenotaph, although the Mercantile Marine-Merchant Navy's Red Ensign had been flown on the Whitehall monument since 1919.

Although, London hosts the Country's main November 11 tributes and remembrance, virtually every city, town and village conducts local services the length and breadth of the country.

Many sailed from Barry Docks, especially during conflicts, and many were never to return. All were not only from the town but, from throughout the Vale, south Wales, the rest of Wales and indeed from all over Great Britain and Ireland. Many did settle locally and families remember the fallen.

Barry has been noted amongst other things as being a former Merchant Navy Town, our historic port once described as the "Gateway to the World". During conflict, together with the other south Wales ports, Barry and her docks, built mainly for coal, were vital and the proportion of fatalities per head of population in comparison to other similar-sized ports would become the highest in Britain.

In wartime, Britain depended on civilian cargo ships to import food and raw materials, as well as to transport soldiers overseas, and keep them supplied. The title 'Merchant Navy' was granted by King George V after the First World War to recognise the contribution made by merchant sailors.

In 1928 George V made Edward, Prince of Wales 'Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets', a title he retained after his accession in January 1936 and relinquished at his abdication in December 1936.

Since Edward VIII, the title has automatically been held by the sovereigns HM George VI and HM Elizabeth II.

When the UK entered the Second World War in September 1939 George VI issued this message:

"*In these anxious days I would like to express to all Officers and Men and in The British Merchant Navy and The British Fishing Fleets my confidence in their unfailing determination to play their vital part in defence. To each one I would say: Yours is a task no less essential to my people's experience than that allotted to the Navy, Army and Air Force.*

"Upon you the Nation depends for much of its foodstuffs and raw materials and for the transport of its troops overseas.

"You have a long and glorious history, and I am proud to bear the title 'Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets'. I know that you will carry out your duties with resolution and with fortitude, and that high chivalrous traditions of your calling are safe in your hands.

"God keep you and prosper you in your great task."

King George V, in recognition of the contribution made to the British war effort by merchant ships, granted the title of 'Merchant Navy' to non-military sailors. Despite sharing the word 'Navy' in their titles, the difference between the Royal and Merchant Navies was that sailors in the latter were classed as civilians.

After the outbreak of war, Germany declared that every vessel of the British mercantile marine was to be regarded as a warship, meaning that the sailors of the Merchant Navy faced tremendous risks.

Tragically, 30,248 merchant seamen lost their lives during World War Two, a death rate proportionally higher than in any of the Armed Forces.

In July 1941, Winston Churchill said: "*The Merchant Navy, with Allied comrades, night and day, in weather fair or foul, faces not only the ordinary perils on the sea, but the sudden assaults of war from beneath the waters or from the sky.*

"*But for the Merchant Navy who bring us the food and munitions of war, Britain would be in a perilous state and ... the Army, Navy, and Air Force could not operate.*"

The name 'Battle of the Atlantic' was coined by Winston Churchill in February 1941. The outcome of the battle was a strategic victory for the Allies—the German blockade failed—but at great cost: 3,500 merchant ships and 175 warships were sunk for the loss of 783 U-boats.

On October 30, 1945 the Houses of Parliament unanimously carried the following resolution expressing gratitude to the Merchant Navy on the victorious end of the war: "*That the thanks of this House be accorded to the officers and men of the Merchant Navy for the steadfastness with which they maintained our stocks of food and materials; for their services in transporting men and munitions to all battles over all the seas, and for the gallantry with which, through a civilian service, they met and fought the constant attacks of the enemy.*"

The Right Honourable Alfred Barnes, Minister of War Transport, said: "*The Merchant Seaman never faltered. To him we owe our preservation and our very lives.*"

Following many years of lobbying to bring about official recognition of the sacrifices made by merchant seafarers in two world wars and since, Merchant Navy Day became an official day of remembrance on September 3, 2000.

In honour of the sacrifices made in the two World Wars, the Merchant Navy also lays wreaths of remembrance alongside the Armed Forces in the annual Remembrance Day service and services on November 11.

Keith Greenway, Merchant Navy Association Wales.

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Old Age Pooches seek new homes for Grandparents Day

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are hoping National Grandparents Day on Sunday, October 7 will prove every dog really does have its day.

They are searching for a home for two Old Age Pooches (OAPs) at the rehoming centre.

Rusty, an 11-year-old Terrier and Sasha, a ten-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier, are both on the more mature side but are still full of fun and have a real zest for life.

They are currently enjoying their home comforts in a foster home but are hoping as the nation celebrates National Grandparents Day, they will capture the hearts of new owners.

Becky Baker, Dogs Trust Bridgend's rehoming centre assistant manager, said: "It's especially sad when older dogs come to us, but Sasha and Rusty really deserve to find their special someone.

"Sometimes older dogs spend more time with us than younger dogs, but there are so many advantages to having an older dog. They often need less exercise but are just as much fun, they're used to living in a home and their personality is already shaped so new owners can really understand and appreciate the dog that they are welcoming into their family."

Sasha.

Rusty.

The team say Sasha is looking for a home with no other dogs but could live with children older than eight.

She would prefer someone to be around for most of the day initially to settle her in and is happy to spend the day exploring on a walk or playing with her toys. Rusty would like a quiet adult-only home where he can put his paws up and enjoy his twilight years.

Becky said: "National Grandparents Day gives us the chance to put our golden oldies in the spotlight and we're hoping this weekend Sasha and Rusty's special someone will visit the centre and see that they'll make the perfect addition to their family."

If you think either of these golden oldies is your perfect canine companion, call 0300 303 0292, visit the centre in Pen-y-Fai, CF31 4NG or go to www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Church Cinema

IF rain stopped the fun at Barry Island recently, here's your chance to see *The Greatest Showman* on the big screen!

A showing will take place at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry, on Friday, October 12 at 7pm; adults £3, children £1.50; refreshments available.

Vale Photographic Club is straight down to business

THE Vale Photographic Club reconvened this month after the summer break and moved immediately into a packed programme.

We began the month with a demonstration, by member Mike Davies, on photo-manipulation in photoshop.

While the club encourages the best 'in camera' imagery we are not averse to a little (or a lot) of post-processing jiggery pokery.

If Salvador Dali was looking down on us he would have had a smile on his face as Mike placed castles and waterfalls in improbable places and yet made the scene believable.

Modern photography is made up of many different genres, some of which can be quite surprising; there is always something to please the audience.

The Persistence of Drying Time – Well hello Dali..

In our second meeting, two of our members related: 'Why I do what I do', looking at their own particular genres and why they enjoy them.

Tony Tarlton spoke about his passion for film processing: yes, there are still some people out there who prefer to develop prints from film, and indeed it is a growing area of interest.

Gwynne Harries, on the other hand, demonstrated his love of many different genres taken in the digital medium.

Last week we held our annual photographers' Question Time, much along the lines of that favourite Radio 4 gardener's programme; our panel sought to answer many and varied questions, reinforcing the fact that the club caters for all levels of photographer and that, it doesn't matter how experienced you are, there is always something to learn.

In the forthcoming weeks we will be hosting talks from a specialist astrophotographer, a prop, and story building company and having a visual trip around the Malverns along with a steam train enthusiast.

If you fancy joining us we meet on a Friday evening at 7.30pm in Ystradowen Village Hall.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, October 4, the art society has a demonstration of watercolour painting by artist and architect Simon Jones, which promises to be a fascinating evening for anyone interested in art.

The following week, October 11 there will be an assisted workshop of life drawing led by members of the society.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9 pm) and occasional visitors (small fee) and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see *www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas*

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BRENDAN SWEENEY, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

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We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a will is essential.

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It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid will.

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Why should we be dowdy, just because the days are colder and shorter?

Bianca has produced a fabulous collection this season in vibrant red to complement all your neutral pieces. Bianca is always feminine with a little twist; gorgeous floral trousers teamed with a chunky knit and a lovely scarf for effortless dressing.

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Marble always produce wonderful mix and match collections and, this season, the colours are beautiful - mustard, purple, lime and mink; teamed with a coloured pair of jeans, they make a wonderful way to make an impact.

Finish this off with a sparkly poncho, perfect for lunch or supper, and a great change from a coat.

Pomodoro dresses are always very popular, pair these with a super warm boiled wool and you'll be ready for anything.

We have just received a delivery of lovely coats and jackets – a must to finish any outfit.

There are a number of fashion shows planned for this month.

On October 18, at the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir concert in Holy Cross Church; on October 19 at Cottrell Park Golf Club; October 23 at Whitchurch Golf Club and on October 26 at the Town Twinning in Bridgend. If you are interested in attending any of these, contact the shop.

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'Shop Local' group's second birthday

THE Shop Local Barry Advisory Committee are celebrating their second birthday this week.

The Shop Local Group first met in October 2016 and is made up of likeminded individuals who all share the goal of promoting shopping locally in Barry.

The group has been supported by Barry Town Council who provide a meeting space, an officer who helps progress their ideas and a budget of £50,000 which was approved by Full Council on December 19, 2016.

The group have supported and instigated many projects such as Kevin Moore's 'A Year in Barry' photographic project; the flowers installed at Holton Road were courtesy of Shop Local, numerous roundabout signs throughout Barry display the Shop Local logo and soon maps promoting the key shopping areas in Barry will be launched, as well as a 'Walk to Your Local Shops' campaign which the group are currently working on.

The group were recognised nationally when Barry Town Council received the 'Local Service of the Year Award' at the One Voice Wales National Conference which also saw the Community Development Officer deliver a best practice presentation regarding the campaign.

The group will next meet on Thursday, November 22 at 6pm in the council chamber, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry. New members are always welcome.

RW

Aldi targets Vale and Bridgend

SUPERMARKET giant Aldi wants to open new stores in the Vale and Bridgend areas as part of its expansion programme.

Last year, the chain's operating profit increased by 26 per cent to £265.9 million and its customer base increased by over one million customers to 15.8 million.

Aldi wants to open a further 130 new stores nationwide between 2019 and 2020.

The company is seeking 20 commercial sites in Wales and has named Penarth, Cowbridge, Barry and Porthcawl as target locations.

TC

What's on, and where?

Coffee morning

ROTARY Club of Barry hold a coffee morning on Saturday, October 6 at 10.30am in All Saints' Church Hall, Park Road, Barry.

Proceeds go to Tenovus Closer to Home appeal to provide a mobile unit to take treatment to cancer patients. Admission is £1.

Will you be affected by Universal Credit?

UNIVERSAL Credit is coming to the Vale and for anyone affected or worried AM Jane Hutt has arranged a drop-in advice session at Colcot Community Centre, Barry, on Saturday, October 6 from 12pm-2pm.

Jane will be joined by Labour's parliamentary candidate Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and other agencies to provide advice and support. There will be free tea and cake, at Colcot Community Centre, Keats Way, Barry CF62 9TZ.

Harvest Festival

ZOAR Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston (near the Aubrey Arms), is holding a family/children's harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday, October 7 at 11am, taken by Ann Niblett.

Donations of dried/tinned goods for the Vale Foodbank would be much appreciated. Light refreshments to follow; everyone welcome.

Valeways guided walks

ON Monday, October 8 at 11am meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park for a Countryside and Coast walk.

On Wednesday, October 10 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston will meet outside the visitor centre of the country park at 10.30am.

The same day at 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet in the town hall car park.

On Thursday, October 11 ramble into Barry's maritime history; meet at Barry railway station at 10.30am.

On Friday, October 12 meet at 10am at The Horseshoe Inn, Marcross (CF61 1ZG) for a Cliffs, Valley and College walk.

Equity Release

IF you own your own home and are interested in Equity Release, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information on Tuesday, October 9.

This will be held at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Meet and Code sessions

IF you are aged 8-13 and have an interest in learning more about computer coding, and programmes such as Scratch, we have some free beginners' sessions at KPC Youth & Community, Pyle, as part of the Meet & Code Fortnight.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 10 and 11 from 6pm – 7.30pm; October 17 and 18 from 6pm – 7.30pm.

Limited places, so call and reserve your place; open to non-KPC members. Tel: 01656 745399/749219 or go to *kpcyouth@hotmail.com*.

Neighbourhood Watch

THE next Penllyn Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10 at 11am at The Barley Mow in Graig Penllyn; all residents are welcome.

Go to The GEM website for the latest stories... www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Assembly will debate Hinkley mud issue

A LEGAL challenge to the disposal of mud from the seabed near Hinkley Point at a location near the Vale coast was discontinued this week.

The 'Campaign Against Hinkley Mud Dumping' had hoped to halt a disposal operation of more than 300,000 tonnes of dredged mud which began on September 10.

EDF Energy needs the mud removed so it can drill six vertical shafts for the cooling system for the new nuclear power station.

On Tuesday, October 2, Assembly Member Neil McEvoy announced: "Please note that there will be no protest at court today. We have discontinued the legal challenge after gaining an Assembly debate on October 10 that could stop the #GeigerBay dump, through a Plaid Cymru and Conservative joint motion."

Campaigners argue more testing should be done on the mud. An EDF Energy spokesman said: "The claimant's decision to drop the case is good news for a project that is vital for the UK's energy future and provides work for 25 Welsh companies and 1,000 Welsh workers.

"EDF did everything that it was requested to do when it applied for a licence to dredge and deposit mud in the Severn Estuary.

"The mud is no different to mud found anywhere else up and down the coast and it has been thoroughly tested by independent experts who confirmed it poses no threat to human health or the environment. The sediment is not classed as radioactive under UK law."

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Remembrance Service was a fitting tribute

Photos by John O'Byrne. Vale Press Pictures. 07916 643617. *valepresspix@lineone.net*

St Cyres School Choir.

YOUNG and old alike joined veterans for a poignant Service of Remembrance at the Barry Memorial Hall on September 21, *reports Adam Speight*.

This Service had a different feel from others as it marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One and the beginning of a new era of Remembrance for the residents of Barry.

This new era – organised by the British Legion – aimed to bring the National Service of Remembrance, which takes place in the Royal Albert Hall each year, to Barry so that Barrians who fought in World War One could be remembered.

The occasion didn't disappoint, it was a well-crafted occasion which brought together the talents of both old and young to remember the huge loss and sacrifice on both sides.

St Cyres school played a significant role throughout the ceremony, led by their headteacher Dr Hicks. We were treated to a variety of performances and in particular a special mention needs to be given to the talents of both the Barry Male Voice Choir and the band and drums of the South Wales Police, who performed throughout the ceremony so elegantly and created a suitable atmosphere.

The most poignant part of the evening for myself, and I am sure many others, was an account given by Dr Hicks of the sacrifices made by Barrians in World War One.

From back clockwise: Berry Williams (Army); Joe Norton (Merchant Navy); Bob Froude (RAF); Stan Smith Royal Navy. A total age of nearly 380 years!

The address and video which was shown contained personal stories of those who sacrificed their yesterday for our today. The accounts we were given contained stories not only of bravery but also the role they played in helping to shape the present-day Barry.

It is only right that we remember and recognise this sacrifice and continue with events such as this so that the sacrifices of the past aren't forgotten.

All those involved in organising this Festival of Remembrance helped all of us to remember and recognise those sacrifices. We will remember them.

Vale MP Alun Cairns added: "It was an honour to attend the Festival of Remembrance and I'd like to pay tribute to everyone who worked so hard to make it an incredibly special event, including the Royal British Legion, Barry Round Table and Rosemary Chaloner.

"The event was beautifully put together and it was moving to see the spontaneous applause and appreciation shown to the veterans who marched through the centre aisle. I'm incredibly proud of the appreciation that the Vale continues to show to our military."

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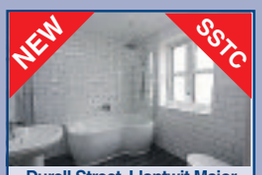

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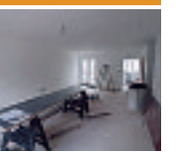

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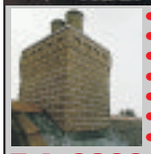
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Margaret will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral will be held at Barry Crematorium on Tuesday, 9th October at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to British Heart Fundation/PDSA.

VENNER
Jackie (*née Mayor)*

Peacefully at home on 26th September, Jackie, devoted partner of John and a cherished mum and stepmum of Sheraza, Sophie and Maria. Much loved nan of Jessica and Amber, loving sister to Chris, Leonard and Mary.

Jackie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 16th October at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Haematology Dept at Llandough Hospital in memory of Jackie.

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BAKER
Julia

Peacefully passed away on 25th September 2018, aged 96 years, after a short illness. Wife of the late Maurice and beloved mother of the late Gillian Baker and late Charmaine Davies. Much loved and missed by grandchildren Ryan and Amy and son-in-law Geraint.

Funeral to take place at Llanmaes Church, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major on Monday, 8th October at 12.30pm, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

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Robert T

(AKA Sebastian, Silver Surfers, Off the cuff and Blind Venetians)

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Shelagh

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DAVIES
Margaret (*née Fisher)*

Margaret passed away peacefully on Thursday, 20th September 2018, aged 100 years. Beloved wife of the late George, loving mother of Linda, mother-in-law of Stan, adored nan of Catherine, Matthew and Alisha. Devoted great nan of Kyle, Sarah and Lauren and all her great, great grandchildren.

Margaret is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare where a service will be held on Wednesday, 10th October at 1pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium.

ALLINSON
David John (Dave)

Peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, at University Hospital of Wales on 24th September 2018, David, aged 75 years, former Detective Sergeant of South Wales Police. Beloved husband of Brenda, much loved father of Nicola and Mark. Adored grandad to Hollie, Ryan and Ella.

David will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

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Reggie

Peacefully on 24th September at Llandough Hospital - Reggie, well known for his time spent in the community with Aspinall's Angling of Barry. A devoted husband of Sandra. Much loved dad to Lee, Louise and their families.

Reggie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of his life to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 17th October at 2pm. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made at the service in aid of Cat Protection whom Reggie felt so passionate about.

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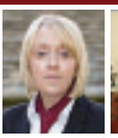

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Family Notices

STEVENTON
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Suddenly on holiday, Clive passed away. Loving husband of Elizabeth, dearly loved father of Lee, Mark, Gavin, Josh, Chloe, Melissa and Karen.

He will be sadly missed by all.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Service, Thursday, 11th October 1.15pm at Coychurch.

Crematiorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research Wales.

KINCHEN
Norah

Passed away peacefully in her 97th year at Springbank Nursing Home. Wife to the late Aubrey (Nobby) Kinchen. She was the dearly loved mum of Gill and Steve and daughter-in-law Hilary. She will always be remembered by her grandchildren Mark, Philip, Julie, Ben and Sam and their partners, and by her great grandchildren Oliver, Chandler and Remi.

Now resting at Park Funeral Directors prior her funeral at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Thursday, 11th October at 2pm. Family flowers only please.

BASTIER
Sidney Oliver (Sid)

Peacefully after a long illness, Sid, loving husband of Joy, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 10th October at 2.15pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to Alzheimer's Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Brigantine Place, Cardiff, CF10 4BY.

GILLETTE
John Arthur

Passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on 19th September, aged 75 years. Loving and devoted husband to Catherine. Treasured dad to Victoria and Hannah. Adored grandad to Joseph, Cameron, Jessica, Benjamin and Jenson.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends.

The world has lost a wonderful man.

Service on 8th October at 12 noon, taking place at A.G. Adams Funeralcare and afterwards at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium at 1pm. No flowers by request but, if desired, donations may be made at the funeral home for the NSPCC, a charity which was very close to John's heart.

SCOBLE
Leslie Malcolm

Peacefully on 25th September at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Devoted son of the late Arthur John and Ann Amelia, late of Cardiff.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 8th October, service and cremation 4pm at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to Ty Hafan Hospice if desired.

In Memory

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Carole

7th October 2017

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Vale nippers shine at the Whitmore Carnival event

WATCHING the youngest members of Vale Surf Lifesaving club in action at the recent Whitmore Carnival, it was hard to believe that until three months ago Honor Hopkin was the only nipper member of the club.

Huge thanks go to the coaches - especially the junior/senior members of the club - for the time and encouragement they have put into training the nippers, the nipper parents and most of all our amazing group of nippers for their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace their new sport so completely.

It has been a pleasure for the rest of the club to watch the youngest members develop and grow in confidence over the summer and, most importantly, always with a smile on their faces.

With a few months training behind them the Whitmore Carnival gave them the ideal opportunity to test their newly-acquired skills for the first time in a competitive environment.

Vale SLSC nippers were represented by: Harry Nicholls, Macsen O'Shea, Caden O'Shea, Owen Boffy, David Cozma, Daniel Aspinall, Summer Hurley, Bethan Spry, Kaiya Takata, Seren Williams, Ezme Bennett, Katie Luen-Twinning, Evie Barber, Jessica Oakley, Katie Oakley, Honor Hopkin, Freya Dobson, Tamzin Williams and Nyeira Mohid.

Each member of the team put 100 per cent effort into every race, in particular excelling at the beach events where the following medals were won: David Cozma - gold in beach sprint; Macsen O'Shea - gold in beach sprint; Harry Nicholls - silver in flags, and bringing home Vale SLSC's first-ever medal at a nipper event, Nyeira Mohid - silver in beach sprint.

The sprint relay team comprising of Macsen O'Shea, Owen Boffy, Caden O'Shea, David Cozma, Dan Aspinall and Tamzin Williams put in a superb performance to win a bronze medal.

As well as Harry with his medal at beach flags, impressive performances were also put in by Macsen, Owen, Caden, Dan, Summer, Bethan, Seren, Ezme and Kaiya.

In the beach sprints Bethan, Jessica Oakley, Nyeira, Tamzin, Seren, Dan, David, Caden, Owen, Macsen and Harry all impressed with their speed.

The sea events were always going to prove most challenging for the nippers but strong performances in the swim were posted in particular by Harry, Esme, Katie Luen-Twinning, Evie and Freya.

Impressive in the board race were Honor, Katie Luen-Twinning, Freya, Evie, Katie Oakley, Esme and Summer. Notable performances in the taplin were produced by Kaiya, Evie, Katie Oakley, Honor, Freya and Tamzin, Jessica Oakley, Harry and Owen.

Thanks to Gemma for being team manager for the day and to Nia for coordinating the nipper section since its establishment in June.

Thanks also to the many members of the club who attended the carnival in order to support the nippers, it really was appreciated.

After a fantastic day on the beach the club celebrated in the evening with pizza at Barry Yacht Club where certificates were presented to all competitors.

Vale SLSC are extremely proud to be represented by such an amazing group of nippers and look forward to an enjoyable winter training season together. **JP**

Llantwit Major reserves dig in for three points

ON Saturday, Llantwit Major AFC reserves welcomed Penydarren reserves to Windmill Lane in a Welsh League reserve division fixture.

After last week's frustrating draw, the home side were hungry for their first win in only their third game of the season.

Phill Grafton returned to the side with fellow veteran David Callard between the sticks to add experience to a youthful team.

It was the visitors who started the game brightly, their high press and energy causing Llantwit problems as they hurried the Major defence.

Llantwit rode the pressure well and showed moments of quality themselves as Lewis Brown enjoyed spraying balls from a deep midfield position, finding the runners of Max Morgan, Josh Morgan and Gethin Jennings who all showed great desire to attack the opposition's defence.

Penydarren broke the deadlock on 20 minutes with a 30 yard shot looping over Dave Callard in goal.

It only took a few minutes to get the score back level, as a Jennings corner met Morgan Gore who headed across goal for Max Morgan to tap in.

One soon became two as Llantwit Major enjoyed many chances and another set piece caused the Merthyr side issues, with Jennings swinging a free kick to the back post and Morgan winning the header for the ball to fall for Chris Vinson to score and turn the game around.

Five minutes of madness before the end of the half half saw Llantwit concede a sloppy goal as a Penydarren press caught out the back three to eventually find the net.

Llantwit's misery continued as a penalty was awarded and then converted to make it 3-2, with Ryan Malton's handball on the line signalling a straight red card.

Down to 10 men and 3-2 down, the Major reserves didn't give up in the second half. Max Morgan got his second goal of the game before Josh Morgan won the game for Llantwit as Vinson, who ran his opposite number ragged, helped the comeback with two assists.

Manager James Thomas declared his pride in the team's performance and individuals who showed real grit to turn the game around from a difficult situation.

Man of the match went to Max Morgan for his contribution of two goals and an assist.

League champions Pontardawe are next up for Llantwit in a difficult away fixture.

Team: D.Callard, J.Cutter, P.Grafton, R.Malton, M.Gore, C.Vinson, L.Brown, M.Gingel, M.Morgan, G.Jennings, J.Morgan. Substitutes: A.Wrigley, L.Beattie, J.Vickers, I.Phillips, L.Jennings. **JT**

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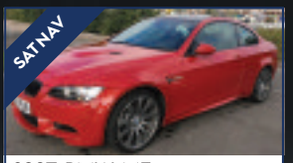

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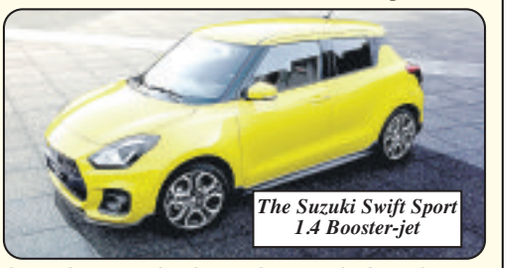
Motoring with Tony Yates... Taking a look at the Suzuki Swift Sport 1.4 Boosterjet

THE Supermini market has been growing at an astonishing rate for the last few years – and rightly so.


The Suzuki Swift Sport 1.4 Booster-jet

The reason for this climb is that buyers are now looking for the smaller cars because they are not only cheaper to run but in many cases, cheaper to buy.

You may not know this, but the Suzuki brand sells very well – and the previous Swift models flew out of the doors because it was seen as one of the hottest things to ow. The new Swift Sport is a cracking little hot hatch and also something that I consider to be a pretty good, truth be told.

Power and efficiency: The Swift I had on test was powered by a four-cylinder Boosterjet turbocharged 140PS petrol engine with 230Nm of torque at 2500–3500rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 8.1 seconds, moving onto a top speed of around 130 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 50.5 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 125 g/km, although the best I could get was around 45mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible as we have to remember the variables here when testing a car in the real world.

On the road: Like all Swift models, they handle like a go-cart and I can feel where Suzuki has made some major changes over the older Swift Sport model because everything feels so much more planted, which all helps in giving a lot of confidence into the corners – as well as giving you a great ride on uneven surfaces. Even on the motorway, all was good, and the road noise at high speed was very minimal.

Design and Technology: The interior is made out of decent materials and the fabric used on the seating is of a good quality and a surprising find for a car in this price bracket.

Space: Rear legroom is OK and the boot is a fair size in comparison to the competition. What I do like is the driving position which is good, plus all the pedals feel in the right place and all the dials and switches are easily accessible. For those who want to know, the maximum luggage capacity for the Swift Sport is around 265 litres (raised rear seating) and 579 litres with the rear seating lowered.

Some of the standard features on the Suzuki Swift Sport include: ABS, EBD and ESP, lane departure warning, immobiliser, security alarm, driver and front passenger airbags, curtain airbags, side airbags, tyre pressure monitoring system, adaptive cruise control, keyless entry, engine auto stop/start, automatic air conditioning, LED rear lamps, LED projector headlamps, LED daytime running lamps, rear and side upper spoilers, 17" alloy wheels, 4.2" colour LCD display, dual exhaust pipes, DAB digital radio, smartphone linkage, navigation system and lots more which is surprising when you look at the price tag.

Summary: Suzuki has done a fantastic job of giving the new Swift Sport an upgrade worth talking about. I believe it will once again be flying out the doors of a dealer near you.

Price: from £17,999.

When point-to-point came to the Vale - part seven

BRIAN Lee recalls another chapter from his book, *The Races Came Off - The Story of Point-To-Point Racing in South and West Wales* published back in 1986.

For one reason or another the Glamorgan Hunt decided against holding a point-to-point in 1907. Also, for reasons which were best known to themselves, the officials of the Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire hunts held their meetings on the same day, Thursday, April 4. Why the clash of fixtures must remain a mystery!

After a year's absence, the Glamorgan Hunt returned with a meeting at Caermain, within a mile of the Old Post public house.

Major Edmunde's *Caleb* led from start to finish to win the heavyweight race for the second time, having won the event two years previously.

A notable absentee in this race was the mare *Black Fury* who had won in 1903 and 1904. Before the start of the season she had sadly dropped dead returning through the village of Gilestone after a strenuous day's hunting with the Glamorgan hounds.

The lightweight race went to Major Gerald Bruce's *Crackers*.

Major Bruce was also in good form at the Monmouthshire at Triley where he won the inter-regional race on *Bella 11*.

For the second year running in this event, the Glamorganshire Yeomany beat the Royal Monmouth shire Royal Engineers.

The lightweight members' race was won by William Lloyd Thomas' *Susan*, ridden by the owner's son Hugh.

In his day, William Lloyd Thomas had been a prominent steeplechase rider. He made a name for himself in Bengal and had been a steward of the Calcutta Turf Club.

The season ended on a sad note with the death of that Glamorgan Hunt stalwart, Mr Thackeray, of Glan-Ely, who five years earlier had won the lightweight race at the Glamorgan Hunt.

Mr Thackeray, who early in life had lost the sight of one eye, may not have been a brilliant horseman but he was a brilliant batsman who scored several centuries for Glamorgan County Cricket Club during his cricketing career.

**Brian Lee is the author of the best-selling Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, published by St David's Press.*

St Mary's golfers in competition action

IN their main competition of the week, 34 members of St. Mary's Golf Club's senior section teed off in their final qualifying competition of the year.

The recent persistent rain had given little opportunity for the greenkeeping staff to keep on top of the fast-growing grass and conditions were somewhat challenging from tee through to green.

The format of the competition was Stableford played off yellow tees. With little run on the ball, scoring was understandably modest but nevertheless, some very creditable scores were returned.

Roger Hatton continued his recent run of good form by taking third place with a net score of 31 points. Ian Taylor consolidated his position at the head of the order of merit listing by securing second place with 32.

The winner on the day, however, was Wayne Newton whose excellent back nine total of 20 points boosted his total score to 33.

Two days later, with conditions much improved, the section played a team competition.

The field of 24 teed off in eight teams of three players. For each three-ball, the better two Stableford scores were recorded for every hole.

With a fine two-better-than-par 74 points, the victory was claimed by the team of Fred Evans, Dave Hughes and Mervyn Shellibeer.

The second placed team comprised Wayne Newton, Norman Lloyd and Paul Jordan, who returned 69 points.

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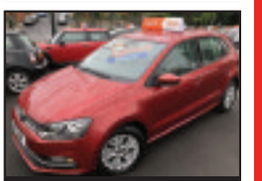

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Llantwit Major Nippers end their summer on a high

LLANTWIT MAJOR Surf Lifesaving Club Nippers made the short journey to Ogmore for the final competition of the summer season, hosted by Penybont Lifesaving Club.

This was a rearranged event and with many other activities clashing the Llantwit team was smaller than usual.

Penybont had arranged the sunshine plus a later start than other events and the kids were straight into the swim race.

Lena Davies, in her last Nipper carnival, meant business and bagged herself a bronze. This spurred on the younger members of the team with medal wins for Annabel Durrant (silver), Josie Thomas (silver), Matilda Godsell (silver) and Alfie Smith (silver).

The kids swiftly moved onto the board race with Lena, Josie, Matilda and Alfie matching their swim results and Florence Durrant making the podium with a bronze. Although only a few of the team got medals there were a lot of good positions to gain valuable team points.

Having dried off and had a well-deserved break, it was onto the beach events with flags up first - this time starting with the youngest competitors.

Josie Thomas got her third silver of the day then Martha Pegrum got her first-ever medal, also getting silver in her race.

Elian Davies battled his way to silver, then sister Lena continued her medal haul with a third bronze.

Age group mixed relays were next on the schedule and the small Llantwit team placed well with team members running up an age group or two at times.

The 2008 team of Neve Avram, Anais Bartlett-Jenkins, Bleddyn Mitchem and Maverick Jennings squeezed into bronze position for the only medal in that event.

The final relay was the A-F girls and boys relay, again with team members having to run up an age category.

The girls team of Matilda Godsell, Josie Thomas, Florence Durrant, Lois Burton, Martha Pegrum and Lena Davies had a great race to secure another bronze for the club.

With the tide making its way back in, the final race was the dreaded long run. Alfie Smith beat all the competitors in his age group for gold, Finn Burton secured a bronze, Florence Durrant gained silver and in her final Nipper race, and securing a fifth medal of the day, Lena Davies got herself a silver.

With weary parents and kids, the scores were totted up with the Llantwit team ending the day in a respectable fourth place behind Sker (first), Rest Bay (second) and Penybont (third).

Many thanks to the Penybont organisers for a great day and more importantly all the kids who have turned out for the club over the summer season.

The coaches have been extremely proud of all the Nippers who have shown great determination at training and events with some amazing results both individually and for the team.

IG

Glamorgan Farmers Golf Society winning golfers Mike King, Iwan Davies, captain Keith James, Hugh Williams, Aubrey Bowen and Keith Roberts.

Farmers suffer in Carmarthenshire!

MEMBERS of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society ventured onto unknown territory recently when visiting for the first time Garnant Golf Club in Carmarthenshire, situated between Pontardawe and Ammanford on the western edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park with its idyllic views of the Black mountains.

Built by Carmarthen County Council for the millennium and now under the control of its members, the course, with 18 varied holes and birds of prey soaring in the skies above, was in excellent condition, although proving quite a challenge for the 26 in attendance, with many returning some of the lowest stableford scores ever recorded.

The day's main talking point at the end of a trying afternoon was the high number of golf balls (95) that were left in this neighbouring county with society captain Keith James just one of many whose golf bag was considerably lighter at the end of the round than when he arrived at the first tee.

A winning score of just 30 points to collect the Arthur John & Co Cup, recorded by Hugh Williams, is a further indication of how tough a challenge this course presents, yet all enjoyed the experience playing at a new venue.

Those who did feature in the prizegiving were rewarded with excellent prizes supplied by the day's generous sponsor Mr Dai John, who, once again, followed a long-standing tradition of supplying a pair of green wellies for the winner and high quality clothing for those in the frame.

Playing his third round in four days (all played in different counties), 86-year-old Aubrey Bowen found the stamina to finish runner-up with 27 points followed by Keith Roberts also with 27 points.

Mike King with 25 points finished fourth, just ahead of Reg Davies, the recently-retired chief financial controller of sponsors Arthur John & Co Ltd of Cowbridge.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Martyn Edwards, Iwan Davies, Dai John and David Williams.

Brian Jones, having lost his much-talked-about pink ball on a previous hole, took his anger out on a white ball to win the Llanerch Vineyard & Restaurant-sponsored longest drive prize.

Tim Jarvis collected a voucher from Picketson Poultry for winning the lost ball sweep that raised £80 for the Macmillan Nurses' charity and Iwan Davies won the visitor's prize.

Hopefully a rest period will see the confidence of the members return in time to take on their golfing friends from the Monmouthshire Farmers Society in the annual match, scheduled for October 11 on the Button course at Cottrell Park.

T.McC

Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THERE was just the eight games played in the Vale League this past weekend, but there were goals aplenty.

We start at the match of the day where second met third in the Premier Division as Rhoose hosted Island Marine, Rhoose coming out victorious 4-2 to close the gap on leaders Barry Athletic to five points with a game in hand.

Penarth Town made it two wins on the bounce as they continue to look impressive as they mauled St Athan 5-1.

Cowbridge Town bounced back from two consecutive heavy defeats to pick up their first win since the opening day with an impressive 3-1 win over Barry Saints.

In Division One, it was seventh heaven for leaders Holton Road as they continue to take Division One by storm with a 7-2 hammering of SP Billy, making it seven wins from seven and promotion looking odds-on for Holton Road even at this early stage.

Cogan Coronation go second after they edged bottom of the table Cwm Talwg 1-0 while Cadoxton Imps took the Cadoxton derby bragging rights with a narrow 3-2 triumph over Cadoxton Barry.

In Division 2, Cadoxton Athletic climbed to second spot with a 3-1 victory over Barry Vikings, while Penarth Town B made it two wins in a row - and what a win - as they heavily thrashed Barry Albion.

This weekend it's super Saturday as first face second in the Premier Division as Barry Athletic host Rhoose. It's also first vs second in the First Division as Holton Road face Cogan and first vs third in the Second Division with Rhoose B taking on St Athan B.

HD

Seniors support autumn away day

Mike Woods, Shaun Sullivan, Bruce Rankin, society captain, Chris Drew and Dave Green.

CRADOC Golf Club, just outside the town of Brecon, welcomed 28 members of Cottrell Park Golf Club senior's society recently, all there to support their popular captain Bruce Rankine for his autumn away day.

The majestic views of the Brecon beacons and surrounding areas were clearly appreciated by all in attendance as everyone set off from the first tee all attempting to win one of the many prizes available.

After a most enjoyable afternoon Dave Green, with a very impressive 40 stableford points, was declared the overall winner followed by John Lloyd with 37 points.

David Stephenson was third with 35 points, while nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Godfrey Lewis, Tony McCarthy, Bob Jessop and Bruce Rankine, who also hit the longest drive down the 18th fairway to win the longest drive competition.

The team of four competition, where the best two scores on the first six holes followed by three scores on the next six, and with all four scores to count on the closing six holes, was keenly contested, with just one point separating the top two teams.

Winning with 114 stableford points was Chris Drew, Mike Woods, Dave Green and Shaun Sullivan; runners-up with 113 points were Bob Jessop, Norman Cole, Glen John and John Lloyd.

T.McC

Local trainer Evan enjoys triple success

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams sent two horses to Warwick on Tuesday (September 25) - and won with both of them.

Stable jockey Adam Wedge was in the saddle on both occasions and the double was initiated when five-year-old *Railroad Junkie*, a 25-1 chance, came home six lengths ahead of By Rail in the Smarkets Novices' Handicap Chase.

However, Adam had to work harder in the closing So Risk Free On Racing With Smarkets Handicap Chase, as riding the 9-2 chance *Jonagold*, he got his mount home by a neck from *Mariners Moon* with *Heurtevent* a further neck away in third place.

Six-year-old *Marble Moon*, Evan Williams' only runner at Newton Abbot on Wednesday, landed the Steve Evans Memorial Handicap Hurdle under stable jockey Adam Wedge.

Marble Moon, who was completing a three-timer having won its two previous races at Ffos Las, came home two lengths clear of *Bradford Bridge*, partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson and was returned at odds of 7-2.

In the Sky Sports Racing Conditional Jockeys' Selling Handicap Hurdle won by *Scorpion Star*, the Tim Vaughan-trained *Lord Fendale*, ridden by Bridgend's Connor Brace, finished third in a field of 17.

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Cowbridge and Penarth share 89 points in a real thriller!

LAST Saturday morning the dew was heavy on the ground, but by kick off at 2.30pm the conditions were perfect for running rugby and both Cowbridge RFC and Penarth RFC delivered an incredible 14 tries and just shy of 90 points.

An early kick and chase by promising wing Rhydian Williams and a break from outstanding captain Ross Gibbon showed Cowbridge were raring to go.

A kick upfield by Penarth saw some footballing skills by full back Josh Thomas to kick the ball to the left of the fast-approaching Penarth right wing, then gather it and set off on a mazy 50-metre run before scoring a try that stand-in kicker, centre Sam Stephens, couldn't quite convert.

Minutes later Adam Dix, at scrum-half, broke away at speed from a scrum to cross from 35 metres. Penarth got their first points shortly after that through a penalty and then flanker Joe Davies crossed for a similar try to Dix's from 40 metres.

At this point the coaches were purring. At just past the mid-point No 8 Dan Holder, continuing his great form to that point, was shown a yellow card for a ruck offence and a minute later Penarth got their first converted try with a break by their right wing, finished off by their flanker.

On 26 minutes Gibbon got his first try after great approach work by flanker Tom Evans and prop Jon Bater. A change of kicker saw wing Rhydian Williams getting the first conversion.

At the 32-minute mark Gibbon crossed for his second try after good work by wing Will Williams. Further Cowbridge pressure saw Bater pop a pass to flanker Davies to bag his second, which Williams converted.

Just on half-time Penarth crossed again through their right wing, the half-time score 34-15.

Into the second half, and amongst a number of very good tries, one saw players combining to pop passes in support of each other via prop George Thomas, fellow prop Bater and Dix, for the final member of an excellent front row, hooker Craig Boxall, to cross. This was Dix's last action as he was replaced by Sam Richards.

Five minutes later flanker Davies intercepted a pass and passed it on to wing Will Williams to cross at pace from 30 metres. On 53 minutes a penalty to Penarth saw them attack down the left and despite good defence they rumbled over for a converted try.

Lewys Hopkins in the second row, after a very physical performance, made way for Aaron Bowman.

Just before the hour mark, after great work by the forwards, centre Tom Harrison was able to put fellow centre Stephens away to run in from 30 metres for another converted try.

Flanker Evans came to the sidelines and Rhys Price took his place and James Darke came on for Gibbon.

Bater nearly capped his performance with a try, but the ball bounced out of his hands as he crossed the line.

However Penarth had the last word with minutes to go, their full back crossing for a converted try, the final score was 53-36.

The forwards held their own in the tight but were quite exceptional in the loose. The backs snapped up chances on the counter but both sides forgot their defence for large parts of the game.

The substitutes were excellent and it was a real squad effort, but after the game the players were annoyed they had leaked so many points – fair play to Penarth, they never gave up.

The coaches want all available players this week to train on Thursday to try to iron out the defensive structures.

This Saturday we entertain Penygraig in the Bowl at home, and the following Saturday we play them in the league away – we can expect a physical challenge.

The club are hoping to field a second team on October 20, so if you are interested come down to the club to find out more.

RK/GT/RV

Youth team's tough task as they are defeated in cup

COWBRIDGE RFC Youth travelled to Rumney on Saturday to play in the first round of the Welsh Youth Cup. The boys knew they were up against a difficult task as Rumney were last year's joint-winners of the trophy.

Rumney started the game the stronger and camped themselves deep inside the Cowbridge 22 for the first 15 minutes of the game.

Cowbridge showed a great attitude in defence, keeping the much larger Rumney pack from crossing their line.

With the crowd expecting a Rumney score it was Cowbridge who took the lead with their first foray into the Rumney half.

The Cowbridge captain Barny Langton-Cryer made a great lineout steal just inside his own 22 and some crisp passing by the backs put right winger, Jake Thomas, clear.

Thomas showed his pace and with a clever side-step, he only had the covering defence to beat but the Rumney right winger pulled off a great tackle.

However, from the resulting scrum, Ioan Lewis, the Cowbridge outside half, dummied a couple of his centres and put in a deft crossfield kick for Jack Dixon, the Cowbridge left winger, to score in the corner.

The next 20 minutes of the first half followed the same pattern as the first, with Rumney camped inside the Cowbridge 22, forcing Cowbridge to concede penalty after penalty.

Cowbridge's persistent infringement at the breakdown broke the referee's patience resulting in a yellow card for the Cowbridge prop, Jared Williams.

Down to 14, Cowbridge dug deep and managed to keep the Rumney pack from scoring until the last few minutes of the half. With one pop pass and one penalty too many, Rumney finally crossed the Cowbridge line.

On the stroke of half-time, Cowbridge had their first penalty of the half; I Lewis went for a long distance three points, but the hard defensive work Lewis had put in during the first half had taken its toll and he came up well short of the distance required, the half-time score 5-5.

Cowbridge started the second half with greater purpose. From a lineout just inside the Rumney half, the Cowbridge team produced the move and try of the game.

Langton-Cryer delivered quick ball off the top of the lineout, allowing Lewis to orchestrate a brilliant backs move.

Lewis dummied his two centres and threw a mis-pass to Jake Thomas who had come across from his left wing at pace.

Thomas made it inside the Rumney 22 and with the full back to beat passed to his opposite winger, Jack Dixon, for Dixon to score his second try of the game.

Behind once again, Rumney reverted to plan A, keeping the ball tight and just popping the ball to their larger pack time after time.

Cowbridge defence once again held strong, but the boys kept conceding penalty after penalty. With the penalty count growing, the referee issued his second yellow card of the game, this time to the Cowbridge flanker, Iestyn Galton.

With another penalty, the Rumney scrum half took a quick tap and put his second row clear in the far left hand corner. The Rumney outside half made a brilliant conversion from the far-right touchline to make it Rumney 12, Cowbridge 10.

With very little possession, the Cowbridge backs tried to run the ball from all over the field.

Deep inside their own 22, the ball was fumbled and the Rumney winger gathered the loose ball to score Rumney's third try of the game.

Rumney played the game tactically very well and got a rolling maul going from just inside the Cowbridge 22. This maul had an inevitability about it, and Rumney scored their fourth, and what turned out to be the game's crucial, score.

With the game entering the last few minutes the boys finally produced some great intense rugby to keep Rumney camped inside their 22 for a sustained period of time.

With a couple of penalties coming Cowbridge's way, and with them back to 15 players, Ben Jones, the Cowbridge openside, powered over to score Cowbridge's third try.

With seconds remaining I Lewis produced a brilliant drop kick conversion from the left hand side touchline, only for the referee to call the end to the game, the final score 24-17.

GJ

Another loss as Llantwit Major RFC are soundly beaten by league leaders

THIS game against Canton was always going to be a tough game for the Llantonians with them having a poor run so far and Canton flying high as league leaders.

But it was the first quarter of an hour which really sealed this game, which was played in beautiful late summer sunshine in Cardiff, as Llantwit surrendered 21 unanswered points as, not the first time this season, they were undone before the game and had even broken a sweat.

On this occasion some terrible game management put themselves in all sorts of trouble; this coupled with a misfiring lineout gave the home pack ample opportunity to rumble over for two quick converted tries.

Then just as they began settling into some semblance of the team they can be by finding some decent field position, they carefully wrapped a present and delivered it straight to their opponents with a wild pass in the middle of the field which was dutifully collected for a 21-0 deficit, and a mountain to climb against the league leaders.

To their credit they didn't throw the towel in and set about breaking down this classy Canton side which have been well groomed by their coaches, the ex-Pontypridd duo of David Manley and Greg Prosser.

A glimmer of hope emerged as they finally entered the Canton half and a penalty kick to the corner allowed them to neatly maul the resultant lineout over the whitewash, grounded by hooker Huw Williams.

Outside-half Howley added the two points with a great kick from out wide for a half-time score of 21-7.

The rest of the game was played out in the centre of the field as both teams fought a battle royal in the tackle area as Canton searched for their early dominance and Llantwit desperately fought to get themselves back into the game.

Canton stretched their lead as they dominated the tackle area and once in the Llantwit 22, dominated with a strong maul and lively pick and go at the base of rucks, which soon saw them rampage over once again.

Llantwit did manage to show some fight as they once again battled back into the game with a well-taken try by three quarter Rhys Balmont, as he showed a deft, snake-hipped sidestep to leave the defence standing.

This, though, was the only highlight left for the visitors as by now they had cleared their bench courtesy of a succession of injuries and had the indignity of finishing the game with 14 men as they were forced into uncontested scrums due to a new ruling.

This Canton side were too good for 15 players so with Llantwit's one-man deficit they soon polished off a fine win with another try before the final whistle.

This was a much better performance by Llantwit compared to recent weeks against by far the best side they have faced so far, but they desperately need to get out of this habit of poor starts and need to up their performance, particularly in the tackle area where they repeatedly failed to clear out defenders, putting attacks under pressure or far too often turned over.

There's plenty for the team to focus on and plenty of time to get their house in order as there is no game this week; the next game is on Saturday, October 13 at home against newly-promoted Glyncoch.

AH

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, September 25 the first rounds of the Fours knockout competition were played at the Victoria Inn.

Twelve teams competed in a full evening of darts. The four successful teams, listed below, will meet again on October 16 at the Farmers Arms, when the Fours knockout competition will conclude.

The semi-final line-up will first see the Hairy Farmers (Simon Reader, John Izzard, Rob McCaver, Colin Nower and John Burrows) taking on a team from the Edmondes B (Martin Thomas, Dai Thomas, Nick Smith, Luke Richards, Julie Cheal) and then the Victoria Inn (Jake Warren, Graham Jones, Tom Gibbs-Murray, Katie George, Steve Davey) taking on the other team from the Edmondes B (Martin Gaffney, Paul Butcher, Dave Cheal, Eddie Pike, Frank Butler).

Present league standings: Edmondes B (15 points), Highwayman Inn (14), Edmondes A (12), Farmers Arms (10), Victoria Inn (8), Edmondes C (5), One Town Hall Square (3), Llanharry and the Hairy Farmers (2) and Red Lion Inn (1).

Next week, Tuesday, October 9, we will have another full programme of fixtures. In the league the Edmondes B hosts the Red Lion Inn, the Farmers Arms hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Edmondes C hosts the Edmondes A and Llanharry hosts the One Town Hall Square. In addition, the Victoria Inn hosts the Hairy Farmers.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Penllyn Bridge Club results

THURSDAY, September 6 (19 pairs):

Joint 1st Julie Evans & Cath Mathias and David & Marion Stephenson 61.20%, 3rd Norma Barber & Gwenyth Wilde 60%.

Thursday, September 13 (16 pairs): 1st John Lord & Jo Ilsley 65.58%, 2nd David & Marion Stephenson 59.74%, joint 3rd Helen & Mike Ruttley, Allan Evans & Penny Jarvis and Judith & Colin Nunn 54.55%.

Thursday, September 20 (15 pairs): 1st Judith & Colin Nunn 68.18%, 2nd Alan Beckwith & Brian Tucker 67.8%, 3rd Marion & David Stephenson 59.58%.

Thursday, September 27, Robert Brown Cup (18 pairs): 1st John Lord & Jo Ilsley 62.19%, 2nd Ann Richards & Jane Brook 60.13%, 3rd Brian Tucker & Mary Wallis 58.44%.

CN

Tim's 25-1 winner

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan had a welcome winner at Worcester last Friday (September 28), when his Tara Mac, a 25-1 chance, won the Bob Love 'King Of The Dirt' Memorial Mares' Handicap Chase over two miles and four furlongs.

Nine-year-old Tara Mac, ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, romped home 13 lengths ahead of Northern Beau ridden by Tom Scudamore.

Two other Welsh trainers also saddled winners at the meeting.

Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell took the opening John Burke Memorial Handicap Chase with King Alfonso, who was completing a three-timer under Richard Patrick, and in the 7BetsFree.Com Novices' Hurdle, five-year-old Francky Du Berlais, trained by Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen and ridden by his son James, won by a short head from Captain Peacock, a winner of its only previous two races.

Francky Du Berlais was returned at odds of 4-1.

BRIAN LEE